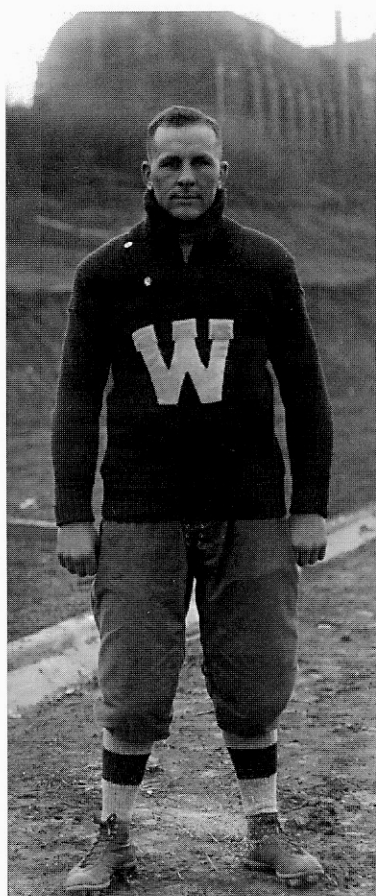


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## COVER PHOTO

*Asa V. "Ace" Clark, captain and tackle on the championship team that beat Brown 14 - 0 in the 1916 Rose Bowl.*



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## EDITOR'S NOTES

A few months ago, an anonymous financial donor to this quarterly expressed a desire to finance the printing costs of an issue which would be dedicated to a very special and long time supporter of the Whitman County Historical Society. We on the editorial board heartily agreed. So, we are delighted to dedicate this issue, with her father's picture on the cover, to Barbara Jean (Clark) Collins.

Barbara Jean is a charter member of the Whitman County Historical Society and an "over the top" volunteer. Barbara Jean has served on the WCHS Board in many capacities over the years as well as being a member of the Washington State Centennial Committee for Whitman County, the Guy-Albion Historical Society, and the Whitman Genealogical Society. She also spent many years as a worker and docent for the Perkins House. Currently, you can find her every Wednesday morning at the WCHS Archives in the Gladish building, where her extensive knowledge of Whitman County aids every researcher that enters the door.

Barbara Jean is a 1940 graduate of Washington State College, a member of D.A.R., the Albion Community Church, P.E.O., Fabian Club, Cougar Club and WSU President's Athletic Council. She has actively participated in all these organizations while raising a family and farming with her late husband, Benton Collins. With her enthusiasm and good humor, Barbara Jean is an inspiration to all who have had the good fortune to work by her side.



# Official Program

## 27th Annual Tournament of Roses

Floral Parade Starts 10:30 a. m.

Making of Motion Picture, Tournament Park  
1 to 2 p. m.

Football Game, Brown University of Providence, R. I.,  
vs. Washington State College of Pullman, Wash., 2:15 p. m.

Between Halves, Pushball Game, Pasadena High School  
vs. Manual Arts High

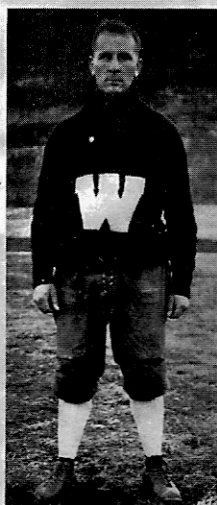
### TEAM CAPTAINS



CAPT. HAROLD P. ANDREWS

**Brown**—Captain Harold P. Andrews, right half-back, has been prominently mentioned for a berth on the All-American team. He is completing his fourth season as a member of the 'varsity team. He is a great ground gainer, while his defensive work is also a feature of his playing. His kicking has won several hard games this season.

**Washington**—Captain Ace Clark, left tackle, is completing his fourth year as a member of the Washington State College team. He is a great line buckler and is strong in every feature of the game. For the last two years he has been chosen a member of the All Northwest team.



CAPT. ACE CLARK

## The Tournament of Roses

Pasadena's Tournament of Roses typifies most truly the spirit of Southern California—life in the open, amid beautiful surroundings, in mid-winter, when less favored climes are snow and ice-bound. The Rose Queen reigns in Pasadena on New Years Day, while

King Winter holds sway in the old home back east. Starting when Pasadena was a village, under the auspices of the Valley Hunt Club, as an expression of the joyous feeling of the people at having their lot cast in so pleasant an environment, the Tournament of Roses is now a celebration of National importance.

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# ROAD TO THE ROSE BOWL

**Comparing and contrasting  
Washington State University's 1916 Rose Bowl team  
and the 1998 Rose Bowl team;  
with a game by game summary of how they eventually played in  
the Tournament of Roses game;  
and the celebrations held for them when they returned**

**By Levon Moroz**

Throughout the years Washington State University has had its share of memorable football programs. Two of the most dominating and respected were the 1916 and 1998 Rose Bowl squads. These are teams that bring a lot of pride to any Washington State University alumnus, student, administrator, or teacher. By the end of their respective seasons they both were considered to be teams of destiny because their performance exceeded everybody's expectations. Each team went into every game knowing it was going to win. They were very confident groups of individuals; not only in their ability but in their heart and desire to win. As William "Lone Star" Dietz, coach of the 1916 Rose Bowl team, said "Give me a fair sized man, with speed, nerve and determination. He need not weigh over 185 pounds for any position. Beef won't carry a man far unless he is determined to play the game for all he is worth every minute".<sup>1</sup> That would be a good way to describe both of these outstanding units. Neither was the biggest nor strongest team, but they were average sized with speed and plenty of determination. These qualities can be seen by comparing and contrasting Washington State University's 1916 and 1998 Rose Bowl teams with a game-by-game summary of how they played, the Tournament of Roses game, and the celebrations held for them when they returned.

Each team had an outstanding defense that took pride in keeping the opposition's score to a minimum. It was, however, the offensive side where each team contrasted. The 1916 Rose Bowl unit was the type that was mainly a ground attack team.<sup>2</sup> They enjoyed controlling the clock and forcing the opposition to play their style of game. In contrast, the 1998 Rose Bowl team favored the air attack style of offense. That squad had an outstanding quarterback with great wide receivers. These were the weapons they used to beat their opponents. Even with a more conservative style of offense, the 1916 team still put its fair share of points on the scoreboard.

The 1916 Rose Bowl team had many obstacles to overcome before its season of destiny. In the summer of 1915, they were still without a coach to lead twelve returning varsity athletes. Then the athletic director, J. Fred Bohler, found a man

named William H. Dietz. Coach Dietz came from a very respectable program at Carlisle University where he had been a player and assistant coach for many years. He was hired to be the head coach of the football and baseball programs. Coach Dietz was given full reign over his team. He used his own training methods to prepare his team for victory.<sup>3</sup>

The training for each team was considerably different. In the summer of 1915 most of the players who left Pullman threw bundles of hay on farms to stay in condition. Those athletes were considered to be in very excellent condition. Some of them did stay in Pullman to train for the upcoming season. These athletes were a special breed. Most of them were not the strongest, but they were some of the toughest and most athletic players.

In contrast, the 1998 Rose Bowl team began the season under the slogan "Year of the Cougs." There were many returning starters and they had a long-term coach who had recruited and trained them for this year. His athletes used state-of-the-art technology in their training programs. Most had their own trainer to prescribe and supervise a proper weight lifting and exercise program to optimize their performance. The team started out and remained injury free throughout the season. This was significant because the team lacked depth at key positions.

The team of 1916 started off the season with a bang and never lost the momentum all year. In its first game Washington State College throttled Oregon University, 28-3. From the moment WSC got the ball in the first quarter, the team had Oregon University at its mercy. The team was led by an outstanding offensive line play that opened huge lanes for the running backs to carry the ball through. The lighter, more agile offensive line of the Cougars worked as a team to get the Cougars their first victory of the year. "The offensive line was the biggest surprise of all," said Coach Dietz.<sup>4</sup> Numerous times the line would make gaping lanes for the running backs to run through. Washington State College scored one touchdown in every quarter of the game. In a game where the Cougars were heavy underdogs, they made a great first impression on their faithful fans. All of the 1,200 spectators were very impressed with the system implemented by Coach Dietz.

In their second game of the season they pummeled the University of Idaho, 41-0. Washington State College went on the road to McLean Field in Moscow for this huge victory. This was a big victory because the University of Idaho had dominated most of the games during the previous 21 years. This game brought tremendous joy to the 3,000 faithful WSC fans. During this game Washington State College scored six touchdowns and made five points after touchdowns. The Idaho athletes were



helpless against the Washington State rushing attack. Coach Dietz said “there were no less than 14 shining stars” on the field that day, and “not a man could be said to have failed in accomplishing his work.”<sup>5</sup>

The next game on the road to the Rose Bowl was against the University of Montana. Although the score was rather lopsided, 27-7, Washington State College played a sluggish game. The first quarter was full of fumbles by both teams. It was also the first quarter in which the WSC team had failed to score all season. The Cougars went into half time down 6-7. However, in the second half Washington State College came out with a vengeance. They scored three touchdowns and converted on each of their extra point tries. It was a well-deserved victory for Washington State College because they played as a team to beat a more talented and athletic team. The main reason they could defeat a better team was because they played as a team, while the University of Montana played as a bunch of individuals.<sup>6</sup>

The last regular season game was against Gonzaga University on Thanksgiving Day. Washington State College dominated in every aspect of the game. The Cougars out rushed the Irishmen 693 yards to just 5 yards. The first-down totals were almost as bad as the score. Washington State College had 42 first downs compared to Gonzaga University’s zero. Cougars controlled the whole game with the final score 48-0. The biggest news from this game was it was finally official: the Cougars were the best team on Pacific coast! That meant that they were going to play in the Rose Bowl.<sup>7</sup>

The contracts were signed and WSC was heading to Pasadena, California, to play a game against Brown University in conjunction with the annual Tournament of Roses on New Year’s Day. The 1916 Tournament of Roses football game pitted the best team from the east coast against the best team from the west coast.

In order to make sure that the team would get to Pasadena a few days before the game the players left Pullman on December 21, 1915. The team took the train to Spokane where they enjoyed a banquet hosted by the Spokane Chamber of Commerce. The players then headed to Pasadena by way of Portland, San Francisco and Los Angeles. Only the coaches and twenty of the twenty-five men on the roster made the trip. Washington State players were to serve as extras for a movie called “Tom Brown of Harvard.” Coach Dietz arranged practice sessions combining movie making with real practice.

After all the Rose Bowl festivities the game got under way. Washington State College took advantage of its first Rose Bowl appearance. The first half ended with both teams tied 0-0. During half time Coach Dietz gave his men the pep talk they needed to get them going. The Cougars came out and dominated the smaller and slower Brown team. Washington State College scored the only two touchdowns of the game. The first one came on a three-yard run by Ralph Boone over the right tackle in the third quarter. Archie Durham converted the extra point. The second touchdown came from the Rose Bowl Most Valuable Player, Carl Dietz. He scored

# FOOTBALL MAD THROGS CHEER RETURNED GRIDIRON WARRIORS

Amid the din of the wildest and most enthusiastic demonstration of unqualified joy in the annals of Pullman's history, the champion W.S.C. football team, conquerors of one of the best teams the far east affords and credited by eminent authorities as being the equal or superior of Cornell, which leads the list, stepped from the train yesterday morning and for a solid two hours was tendered a reception by students, townspeople, businessmen, faculty and in fact almost every man, woman, and child within the city, which could not but prove to the returned heroes that Pullman and the State College, to the man, are solidly behind them and rejoice in their season of wonderful victories.

A large bob sled was waiting when the train pulled in and into this were hustled the football men, while 400 willing students grabbed the long ropes attached to the vehicle... To the music of two bands and the clicking of innumerable cameras and "movie" outfits, the mammoth parade, the result of the joint efforts of the businessmen and college people, moved through the business streets before wending its way to the college...

A vacation had been declared by all the business houses, the college and the city schools, and profuse decorations of pennants, Indian blankets, flags, and bunting bedecked the business houses. It was a wildly hilarious crowd, and every man, woman, and child entered most heartily into the spirit of the celebration.

## THE SUMMARY

	W.S.C.	Brown
Ball carried from scrimmage .....	329	99
First downs .....	22	4
Punts .....	6	7
Average distance of punts .....	36	25
Punts run back, yards .....	23	18
Forward passes attempted .....	2	6
Forward passes successful .....	0	1
Yardage by passes .....	0	12
Intercepted passes .....	2	2
Yardage lost by intercepted passes .....	15	0
Penalties .....	5	2
Yardage lost by penalties .....	45	10

## SUMMARY DEMONSTRATES W. S. C.'S SUPERIORITY

Washington Staters Advance Ball from Scrimmage 329 Yards to 99 for Brown--Get Twenty-Two First Downs to Four.

*Excerpts from the Pullman Herald, 7 Jan. 1916*





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### WSC 1931 Rose Bowl Team

*In 1930, W.S.C. won the Pacific Coast Conference Championship and was invited to the 1931 Rose Bowl. On December 1, 1930, two days after defeating Villanova in Philadelphia, the W.S.C. team posed with President Hoover on the grounds of the White House.*

*Rear Row: Oscar Jones; Glenn "Turk" Edwards; Elmer Schwartz (Captain); Sam Hansen; Bill Tonkin; John Hurley; Mrs. Hollingbery and O. E. "Babe" Hollingbery; President Hoover; Dr. Fred Bohler; unidentified; Mentor Dahlen; Carl Ellingsen; Frank Wallulis; Howard Morgan; Walter Camp; Porter Lanehart; George Hill; DeWayne Johnson; visitor; Jackson; Mel Hein.*

*Kneeling on Left: Lyle Maskell; Harold Ahlskog; Smith; Frank Mitchell; Alersen (Manager); Howard Moses; Clement Senn.*

*Kneeling on Right: Wilber Luft; Mike Davis; Harold Yap; George Hurley; Jack Parodi; George Sanders; Emmett Schroeder.*

## COUGAR LIVE MASCOT LEAVES FOR PASADENA

### Caged Cougar Accompanies Champion Team on Its Trip for Big Rose Bowl Game

"Butch Meeker," the huge mascot of the Washington State Cougars, will be to the Tournament of Roses game in Pasadena on New Year's day.

on a four-yard run off the right tackle, and Archie Durham again converted the extra point. Washington State College made this game look like it was never close out gaining Brown University in total net yards from scrimmage, 313 yards to 86 yards. WSC also had 19 first downs compared to Brown's 6. At the time, this 14-0 game was considered to be one of the biggest upsets in Rose Bowl history because Brown University was the heavy favorite.<sup>8</sup>

When the team left Pullman the players were just men, but when they returned they were heroes. It took six days for the Rose Bowl Champion Washington State football team to return to Pullman. As soon as they got back there was a huge celebration. It was described as the "wildest and most enthusiastic demonstration of unqualified joy in the annals of Pullman's history."<sup>9</sup> A huge bobsled waited for the team at the train station. Then 400 willing students pulled the team through town. They were led by the collegiate band, forming a parade that went for about five blocks. This was a celebration fit for champions.

Eighty-one years later, the 1997 season for the Washington State University Cougars was deemed as the "Year of the Cougs." The first game was at home in Martin Stadium against the UCLA Bruins. The Cougars were led by outstanding performances from quarterback Ryan Leaf, running back Michael Black, and wide receiver Nian Taylor. The biggest play of the game was not made by these players, however. It was made by Leon Bender with three minutes left in the game and the Bruins on the one-yard line. The Cougars were up 37-34, when the Bruins called a running play right up the middle. Leon Bender broke free of his opponent and stopped UCLA's running back Jermaine Lewis for no gain. Washington State went on to win with a final score of 37-34.<sup>10</sup>

The Cougars wanted to keep the momentum going in their favor against the USC Trojans. Washington State University jumped into the lead in the first half, 21-6, at the Coliseum, USC's home stadium. The Trojans came storming back to tie the game at 21-21 in the fourth quarter. The Cougars had one last chance to win the game. With less than 5 minutes left, quarterback Ryan Leaf threw the ball deep across the middle of the field, where wide receiver Kevin McKenzie made a spectacular one-handed catch for a 51-yard touchdown. Coach Price described the play as "one of the greatest catches I've ever seen."<sup>11</sup> With that one play the Cougars wiped away four decades of futility at the Trojan's home field. In fact, this is considered one of the most memorable plays in 102 years of Cougar football. The final score was 28-21, another Washington State University victory. With that victory, the Cougars started out with a 2-0 record in the Pacific-Ten Conference.

The next two games were non-Conference games that were almost no contest. The first game was at Illinois, and the Cougars' first play from scrimmage was an 80-yard touchdown pass from Ryan Leaf to Kevin McKenzie that drained all the momentum out of the Illinois squad. The Cougars went on to a 35-22 victory and improved their record to 3-0. The other non-Conference game was against Boise

State University. It was not much of a game; the final score was a whopping 58-0. It was so bad that the hero of the season's first game, Leon Bender, described it by saying, "I'm not real excited over this game because it's just something that we were supposed to do. I don't think too many people broke a sweat. I think the only reason I sweated was because I had my pads on."<sup>12</sup>

The Cougars' next opponent was another Pacific-Ten Conference rival, the Oregon Ducks. They went on the road to face a good team in the wind and rain. It was a gritty game where both teams came out wanting a big victory. The Cougars went out to a commanding 21-3 lead at the end of the third quarter. That was when the Ducks came storming back. They had cut the score to 21-13 right before Washington State University's kicker Rian Lindell kicked a 28-yard field goal to bring the Cougar lead back to double digits. The Cougars got great play out of running back Michael Black and receiver Chris Jackson. The final score was Washington State 24 and the Oregon Ducks 13.

After playing a close game the previous week, the Cougars gave their home crowd a more comfortable victory over the California Bears. It was an impressive victory over another Pacific-Ten Conference team. At one time they had 56-6 lead. Washington State University fielded their second team players in most of the second half of the ball game. The final score was 63-37, making them 4-0 in Conference play and bringing their overall record to 6-0. Quarterback Ryan Leaf had an outstanding game. He completed 13 of 21 passes for 332 yards. He also had five touchdown passes and no interceptions. Later that week he was named Pacific-Ten Conference player of the week.

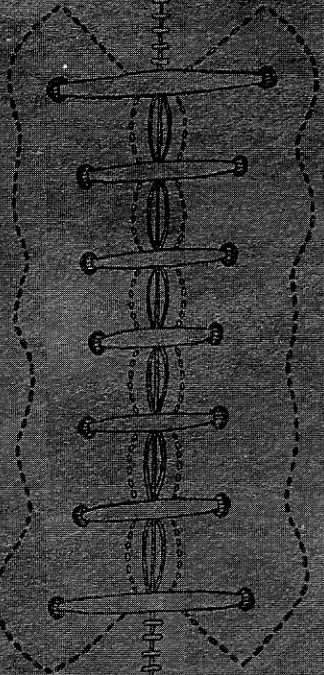
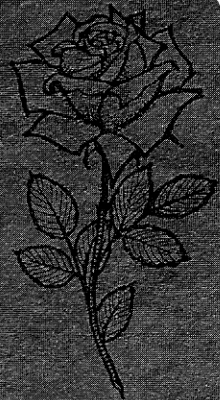
Perhaps the most exciting game came the following week at home against the University of Arizona Wildcats. The Cougars trailed most of the game. They were down 14-0 in the first quarter and 28-21 in the fourth quarter. In fact, they never had the lead until the overtime period when Ryan Leaf bulled into the end zone on a third-and-goal play from the one-yard line. Rian Lindell kicked the point after touchdown to give the Cougars a 35-28 lead. The Wildcats had one more chance to tie the game and send it into double overtime. They drove down the field and finally scored a touchdown. The Arizona Wildcats chose to attempt a two-point conversion, rather than opt for the extra point. The two-point conversion failed, lifting the Cougars to a 35-34 victory over the Arizona Wildcats. The victory gave Washington State University a 7-0 record for the first time since 1930.

Next to face the Cougars were the Arizona State Sun Devils. The Sun Devils handed the Cougars their first loss of the season. Although the Cougars seemed to have the win within their grasp, with three minutes left to go in the game and the Cougars ball deep in ASU territory, they failed to convert a fourth down with only three yards to go. When ASU safety Mitchell Freedman came out of the defensive secondary on a blitz, Ryan Leaf fumbled the football, giving the Sun Devils the victory. The final score was WSU 31, ASU 44.

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January 1, 1998 Pasadena, California

With their first loss of the year fresh in their minds, the Cougars took their frustration out on the University of Southwestern Louisiana's horrible team. Washington State scored early and often in this game. Southwestern Louisiana was no match for the Cougar offense and defense. The only aspect of the game that the Cougars did not dominate was time of possession because they scored so fast. The final score was an embarrassing 77-7 victory for the Cougars.

With all the non-Conference games out of the way Washington State University could focus on the Pacific-Ten Conference championship with the final two games being must wins. Their first game was at home in front of 40,306 fans in Martin Stadium against the Stanford Cardinals. The Cougars went into halftime with a 16-14 lead. That was not a comfortable situation for the Cougar faithful on hand at the game. The Cougars went on to score twenty-two points in the second half, compared to the Cardinal fourteen. This was a solid performance in all aspects of the game. They kept a tough Cardinal team down for four quarters and never let up.

By this time the Cougars could smell apples and roses. The next game on the Cougar schedule was the dreaded cross-state rival the University of Washington Huskies - the Apple Cup. Even though the Huskies had been through a tough season the Cougars were not going to take them lightly. The defense made some big plays throughout the whole game. The Cougars forced Huskies quarterback Brock Huard to throw five interceptions. This gave the Cougar offense good field position on numerous occasions enabling them to score many times. They scored a total of 41 points. When it was all said and done, the Cougars were going to the Rose Bowl after their victory over the Huskies in Husky Stadium. The game was also the Cougars' first Apple Cup road win in nine tries. The final score was 41-35 in favor of the Cougars. In joy, the Cougar faithful rushed the field after the win and tore down the field goal posts. Coach Price said after the game, "To get to the Rose Bowl here in Husky Stadium makes it real special. It's every Cougar's dream to do what we're going to be doing January 1."<sup>13</sup> The Cougars were headed to their first Rose Bowl in 67 years after becoming the Pacific-Ten Conference Champions.

Washington State University had to wait over a month for the Rose Bowl festivities to get underway. The Cougars still held practice and prepared for their opponent, the University of Michigan Wolverines. Almost a week before the Rose Bowl game, the team flew a chartered plane to southern California. There players and coaches went to places like Disneyland and special banquets. In between, they still continued to focus on one goal: to be the Rose Bowl Champions.

The game that is usually nicknamed "The Granddaddy of Them All" lived up to that name. This was a back-and-forth battle between two well-balanced teams. Washington State drew first blood in the first quarter with a Ryan Leaf to Kevin McKenzie touchdown pass. The Michigan Wolverines answered back in the second quarter with a touchdown of their own, tying the score at 7-7. The teams went into halftime tied, with neither having much momentum. The Cougars came out in

the third quarter and scored another touchdown by Shaun Tims to cap off a 99-yard long drive. Rian Lindell's extra-point try was blocked, making the score 13-7. That was when the Wolverines scored two unanswered touchdowns, making the score 21-13 with 11:12 left in the game. The Cougars came back with a 48-yard field goal by Rian Lindell, cutting the Wolverine lead to only 5 points. The Wolverines essentially got the ball and almost ran out the rest of the time remaining in the game. The Cougars got the ball back on their own 7-yard line with 29 seconds left. The Cougars marched quickly down the field, after Jason Clayton was tackled inbounds on the Michigan 16-yard line with two seconds left in the game. The Cougars, out of timeouts, were forced to try and spike the ball on first-down, but officials ruled the final two seconds slipped away before the ball could be spiked to stop the clock thus preventing the Cougars one last shot at a Rose Bowl victory. The final score was Michigan Wolverines 21, Washington State Cougars 16.

Despite the loss, the Washington State Cougar football team arrived back in Pullman to be greeted by a heroes' welcome. When their plane touched down late that night, many fans were on hand to greet them and congratulate them on a great season. In the coming days there was a celebration similar to the one given to the 1916 Rose Bowl team. The school band was on hand for the celebration to play the Cougar fight song. The players knew that what they did was special and the community wanted to make them feel special.

Many great teams get compared to other great teams that came before them. In many ways these teams were similar, but for the most part they had their own style or charisma. Throughout each of their seasons each team had to prove to some critics that it deserved all that it earned. At the beginning of the season their victories were described as flukes or luck. By the end of their seasons each squad had people describing its victories as dominating. Even people who were not Cougar fans begin to appreciate many of WSU's commanding victories. Each team had a tremendous effect on the pride of the people in Pullman and the surrounding communities. It seemed that both teams were destined for greatness. What made each team so great was the fact that teams before them struggled through their seasons, while these teams made their victories look easy. Each team had obstacles to get through, proving that teams that can get through those obstacles with the greatest of ease are real champions. The 1916 Rose Bowl champions had to adjust to a new coaching system, while fighting through injuries. The 1998 Rose Bowl team did not have similar obstacles to get through, but they did have to prove to the Pacific-Ten Conference they were a good team. Whether either team won or lost, they both were champions to the University and the community of Pullman.

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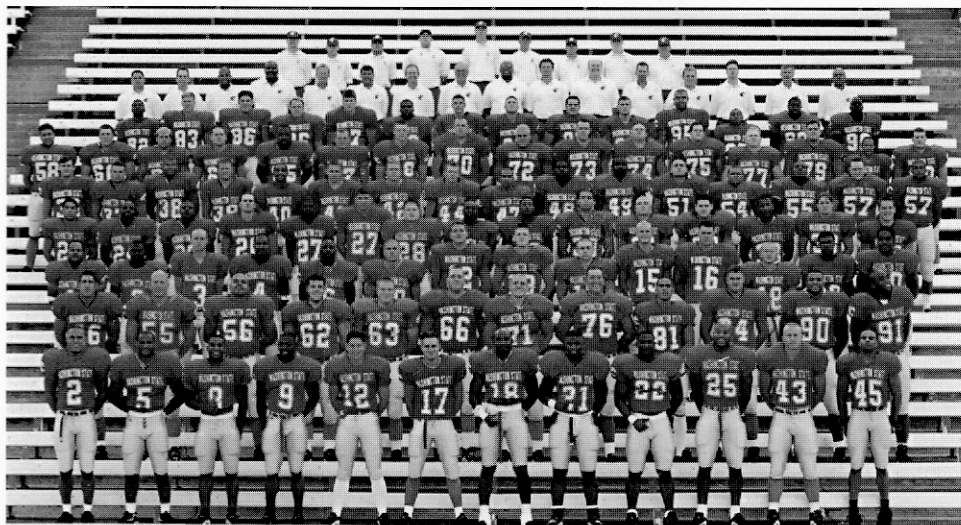
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*1915 Team Photo*



*1997 Team Photo*



# SPORTS ON THE PALOUSE

## A Photo Essay



***Garfield High School Girl's Basketball Team***

*Carsie Kerns, Mary Finch, Ina Duncan, Margaret Harding, Lucy Horton, Pearl Freels, Blanche McCroskey, and F.M. Fletcher, coach.*



***Pullman High School Girls' Basketball Team 1914-15***

*Lenore Emerson, Alta Hammond, Corrine Barclay, Etta Hampson, Thelma Moss, Ruth McCarthy, Pearl Price, Lelah Burgess, Miss Rivera Bond (coach), and Ruth Leuty. Standing - Evelyn Cochran and Ms. Walters.*



***Colfax Football Banquet 1912 at the Silver Kitchen***

*From left to right: Bergunder, Chapman, Morrison, Howard, Lommasson, Skaife, DePledge, Coach Pearse, Meyers, Harris, F. Goff (captain), Fuller, Gingrich, Stinson, Cox.*



**W.A.C. versus Lewiston, 5 December 1896**

*Pullman Herald*, Dec. 12, 1896, reports "Last week Friday, the W.A.C. football team left Pullman for Lewiston, with tin horns blowing and pink and blue flying, no one dared to predict a score of 6 to 6. The boys arrived in Lewiston at 3:45 p.m., after pulling around a wreck of furniture on the top of the grade, and unloading a load of hay and backing the broken wagon 100 feet up the hill. At the ferry they were met by 200 citizens of Lewiston, headed by the band, marching to the tune of 'See the Conquering Heroes Come.' They were quartered at the Hotel LeFrance." The game was played on the campus of Idaho State Normal School.



**LaCrosse High School Girls' Basketball Team 1923**

*Back Row: Libby, Gwen, Jack, Swede. Front Row: Pick, Buster, Frank, Zip*



**LaCrosse High School Football Team 1923**

*This was the first football team in the history of LaCrosse High School. They played two games, Fairfield and Washtucna. Front Row (L to R): Moen, Borland, Ryan, McGifford, Schultz, B. Neiertz, captain, and P. Neiertz. Back Row: R. Jones, Shawgo, Skinner, Potter, S. Jones.*



***Championship Uniontown Baseball Team 1908***

*Front Row: Verne Oderkirk, Louis Schwenne, Carl Greif, George Driessel, and William Komenda  
Back Row: Joe Esser, Merrill Darr, Joe Busman, Pete Busch, Manager, Frank Schwenne, and George Wittman*



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**Pullman High School  
Football Backfield  
1914 Whitman County Champions**  
Left to Right: Bob Moss, Glen Glover,  
Fred Glover, Art Henry

**Upper article:** *Pullman Herald*, 13 Nov. 1914, story of the Whitman County Championship game between Pullman High School and Colfax High School played on Friday, Nov. 6, 1914. **Lower article:** an excerpt from *Colfax Gazette*, 13 Nov. 1914, account of the same game. While admitting Colfax was outclassed by Pullman, the Colfax account noted that, in the last quarter, Colfax player Nordyke made a touchdown run of 70 yards through the whole Pullman team.

**PULLMAN HIGH BOYS  
ARE COUNTY CHAMPIONS**

**Played Rings Around Their Old  
Colfax Rivals in Annual Football  
Game Last Friday**

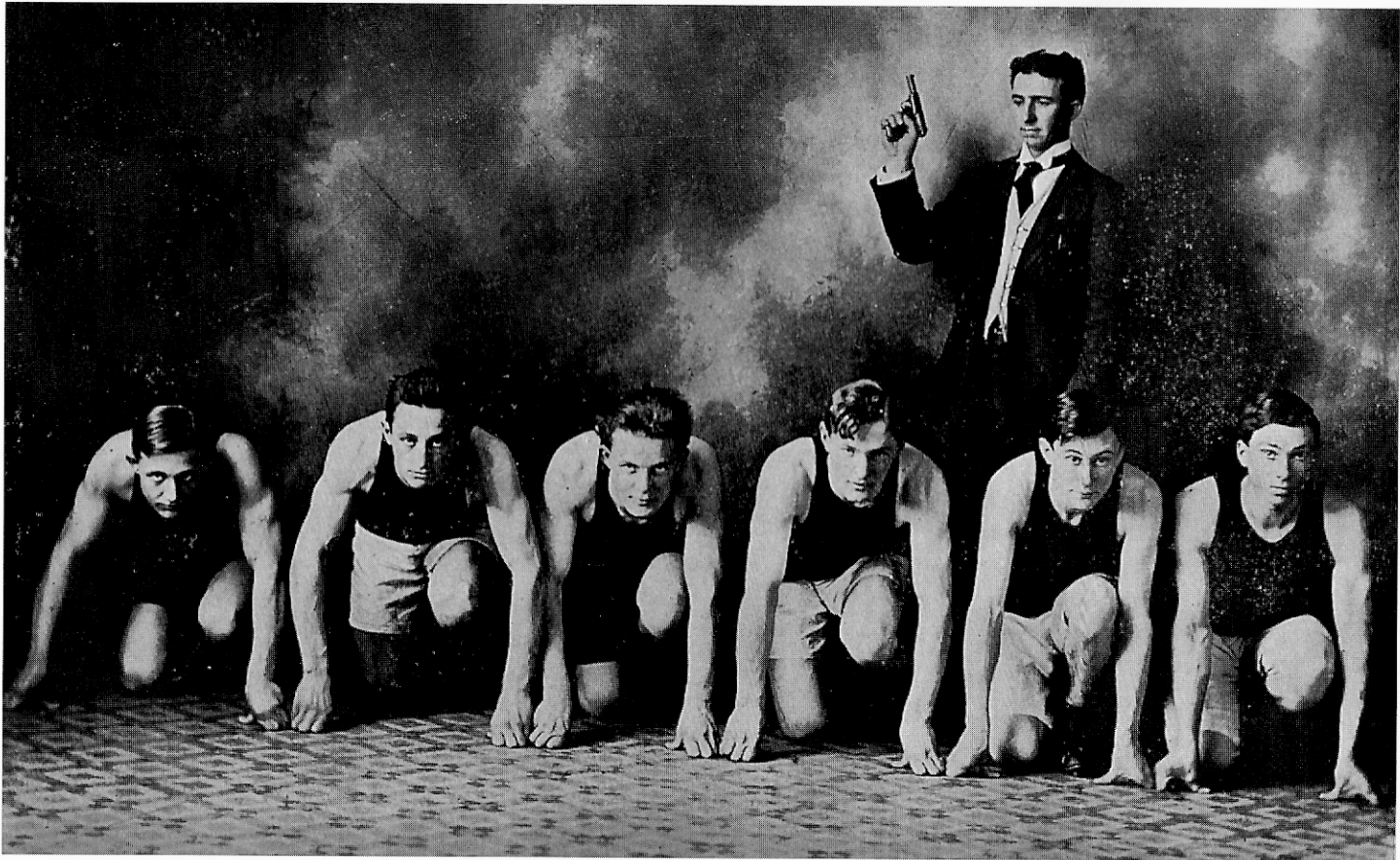
A big crowd of Pullman football fans went to Colfax last Friday and watched the local high school team make monkeys of their countyseat rivals. Pullman 72, Colfax 0, was the final score and it about represented the difference in the teams. On straight old-fashioned football, the Colfax team was fairly good, but when Pullman opened up, their opponents were simply bewildered by the brilliant assortment of spread plays and forward passes. As an exciting contest the game was a disappointment, but as an interesting exhibition of what the Pullman boys could do, it was a decided success. Every member of the Pullman team put up a fine game, but Price shone like a star of the first magnitude. His running in a broken field was the feature of the afternoon.

By this victory the Pullman boys have again won the county championship, as all the other contenders have either been beaten or have forfeited. The team is now trying to secure a game to be played here on Thanksgiving and has opened negotiations with Coeur d'Alene, Walla Walla, Waitsburg, Moscow and other high schools.

**PULLMAN WINS FROM COLFAX.**

**Crowd Comes on Special Train to See High School Football Contest.**

Once more Pullman proved too strong for the Colfax high school football team and romped away with the game, 71-6, last Friday afternoon in the presence of 150 rooters from Pullman, who came down with their band on a special train, and a fair sized crowd of Colfax people.



*Palouse High School Track 1912*

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