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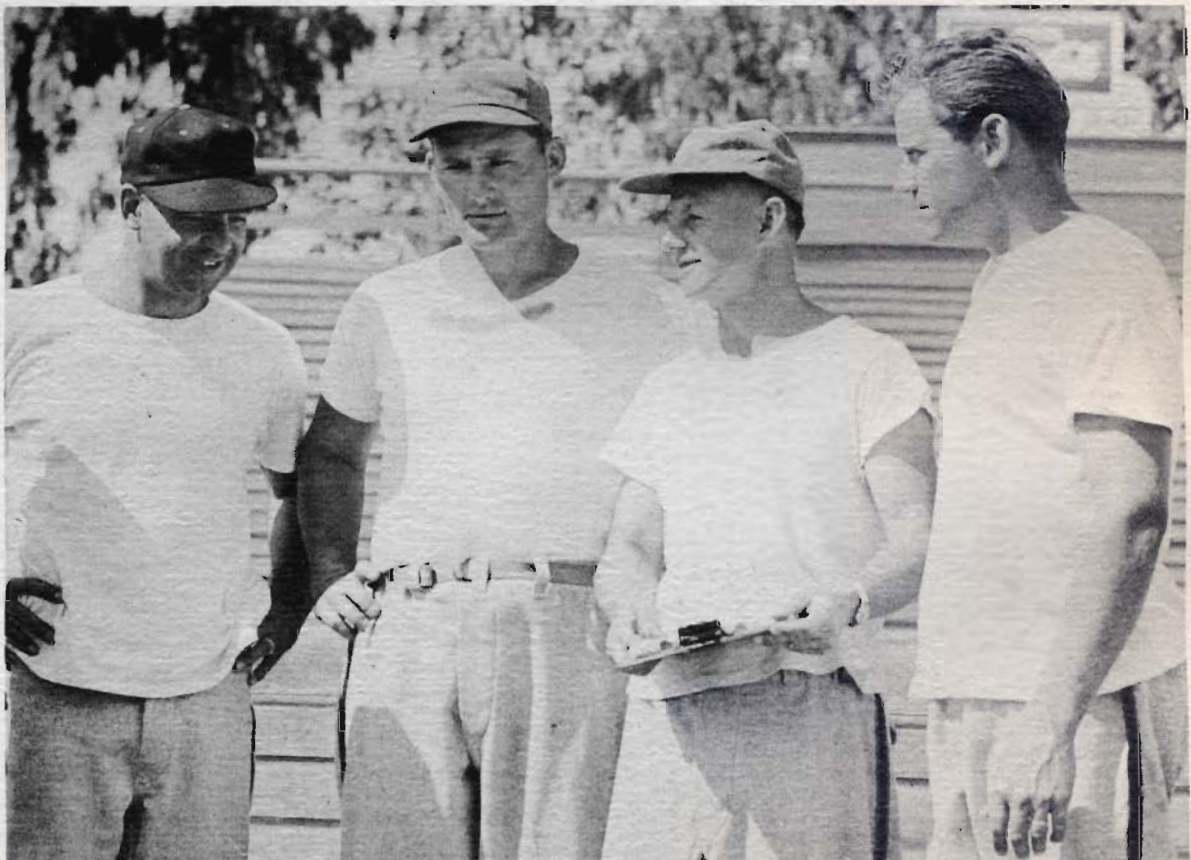
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larry siemering
head coach



ernie jorge
assistant coach



coaching staff

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larry siemering deane richardson
not pictured --- willie boyarski

hugh mc williams

varsity

in two years at the helm of pacific grid fortunes larry siemering has elevated the orange and black eleven to a higher position among coast powers than it has ever previously known... due greatly to the publicity showered upon the "boomer boys" of 1947 and '48, the california collegiate athletic association has likewise benefitted in both prestige and power since pacific entered the conference in 1947...

though a quirk of fate denied the tigers successful defense of the ccaa title in 1948, they nevertheless boast a most enviable record of seven wins, one loss, and two ties... the 14-7 san jose state reversal marked the only loss, while they were deadlocked by loyola and hardin-simmons...

as a scoring juggernaut the bengals had no peer among western colleges and ranked second only to mighty michigan on the national scene... they amassed a grand total of 356 points to 133 for their combined opposition...

the four-man coaching staff that chartered the tigers' pigskin course in '47 was augmented by one for the tough '48 campaign... bob ijams, who had helped tutor the line in 1947, went to stockton college and was replaced by willie boyarski, tiger great during the stagg era... deane richardson came from bradley college of iowa to direct the speedy cat backfield...

ernie jorge and hugh mc williams were the holdovers... jorge remained pacific's line coach, while mc williams resumed his duties as end coach...

eddie le baron was his improved, nonpareil self as field master of the tiger attack... he repeated as little all-american and little all-coast quarterback... rangy john rohde also earned a place on united press' little all-coast for the second straight year... a newcomer to the select mythical eleven was harry kane, bruising line-backer...



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51 breien, douglas
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73 dinubilo, john
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56 gambetta, pete
64 gerber, david
82 hall, sidney
63 hardy, donald
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50 kidwell, collie
75 kirsten, roy
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40 le baron, edward
43 mc cormick, donald
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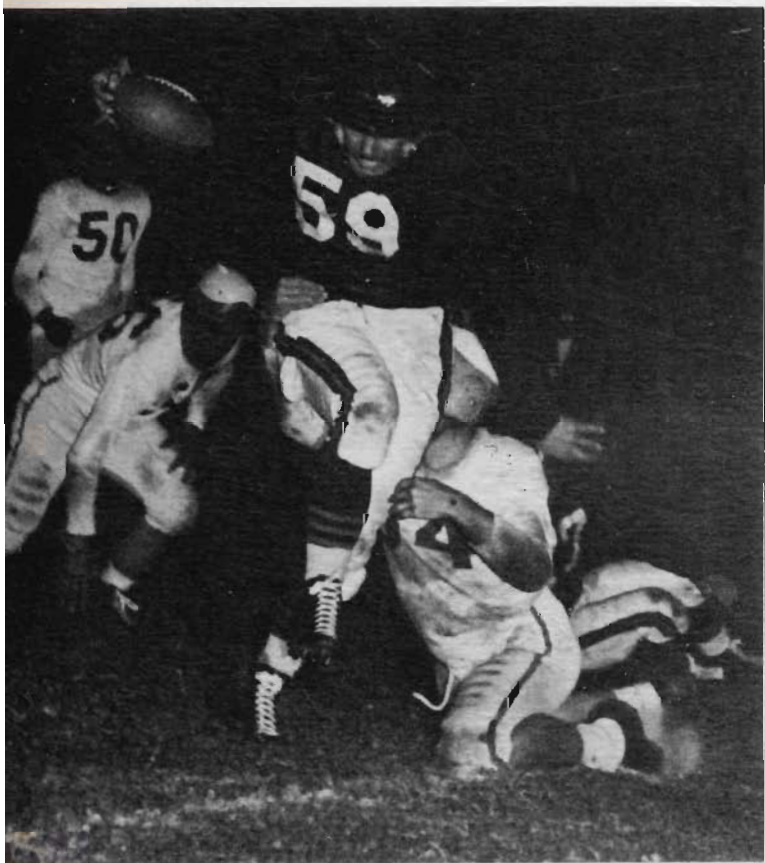
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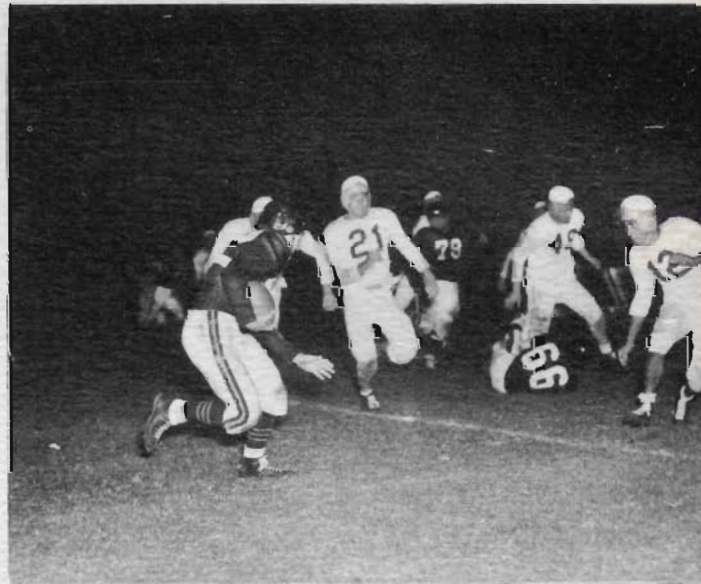


game captain
 colly kidwell
 center

a powerful second half splurge which netted them three touchdowns gave the tigers a hard-earned 33-13 victory over california polytechnic institute in the ccaa inaugural on september 25 in baxter stadium... the mustangs' potent defense coupled with pacific ineptitude held the orange and black to two tallies in the first two stanzas... this in itself gave rise to mild reverberations of disgust among bengal followers, who had come in expectancy of a rout... but the invading southerners actually possessed a passing attack comparable to advance notices... the throwing was handled by rangy vern bebernes, the nifty quarterback, whose heaves netted 168 yards... the heralded duel between bebernes and our eddie le baron failed to materialize however, as the diminutive ex-oakdale t-master called upon his running attack for large chunks of yardage... bulwarked by a splendid addition to the speedy cat backfield in wilbur sites, former bakersfield jc star, the tigers steamrolled through the poly line for 325 yards, while throttling their foes to 18 rushing yards... sites proved to be the perfect complement for the le baron - don brown - bruce orvis trio, and he garnered the year's initial stockton quarterback club "player of the week" award for his performance... le baron, orvis (2) and sites (2) handled the evening's scoring... the bengals began their quest of the loop title with john rohde and corky cortez at the end posts, don campora and tom atkins at tackles, bob franceschini and george brumm at guards, and collie kidwell at center... pete gambetta paried with bob klein as alternate tackles, while joe rhin and newcomer sid hall saw considerable action at guard and center respectively... roy kirsten returned as a capable reserve end, and was abeted by jaycee transfers don beaver and bob sach's...



tiger half, andy hyduke, makes headway



'66' bobson makes comfortable low block for brown



bob klein
 tackle



don hardy
 halfback

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game captain
 george brumm
 guard

the lions from loyola university of los angeles put a severe crimp in c o p plans for coast gridiron supremacy by deadlocking them 14-all in baxter stadium october 2...

the lowly lions, victims during the season of successive routs by st. mary's, santa clara, and san jose, gave no foreboding of daring to molest the cocky tiger in the first half... when the teams left the field after 30 minutes of play the tigers had posted a seven-point lead that had assumed tremendous proportions in the optimistic minds of tiger fans... but a dauntless lion student body seemed to denote a spark of spirit in a loyola scoring march late in the second period and knew just what to do to fan the flame to the burning stage...

the 800-odd followers who had made the trek from the southland queued in two lines to cheer their losing team as it left the locker rooms... chants of "eat c o p" incited the invaders to a vicious tempo, netting them the tying score... in fact the bull-like running of george "moose" musacco and the passing paul king had the lions knocking on the doorstep to paydirt as the final gun sounded...

passes from le baron to his favorite target, big john rohde, paved the way for both tiger tallies... one score, the first, came on an 18-yard pitch... a 47-yard aerial to rohde set up the second score, which walt polenske accounted for on a 34-yard off tackle smash... wayne hardin converted twice.



ortez and rohde attempt to clear the way for price



art waldorf
 guard



ray hunter
 halfback



le baron pushes rohde into the path of the roaming lion

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pacific notched its second consecutive ccaa win at the expense of the san diego aztecs on saturday evening, october 9 in aztec bowl... showing their best combined offense to date, the tigers amassed 500 yards to outscore their hosts 41-14...

this, the third game of the season, proved to be the long awaited unveiling of the relentless offense reminiscent of last year's aggregation... the siemering club began only six serious goalward drives during the evening, but all six were successfully consummated with scores... the various marches were of 90, 88, 89, 65, 58, and 30 yards... only in the third period was the orange and black juggernaut blanked...

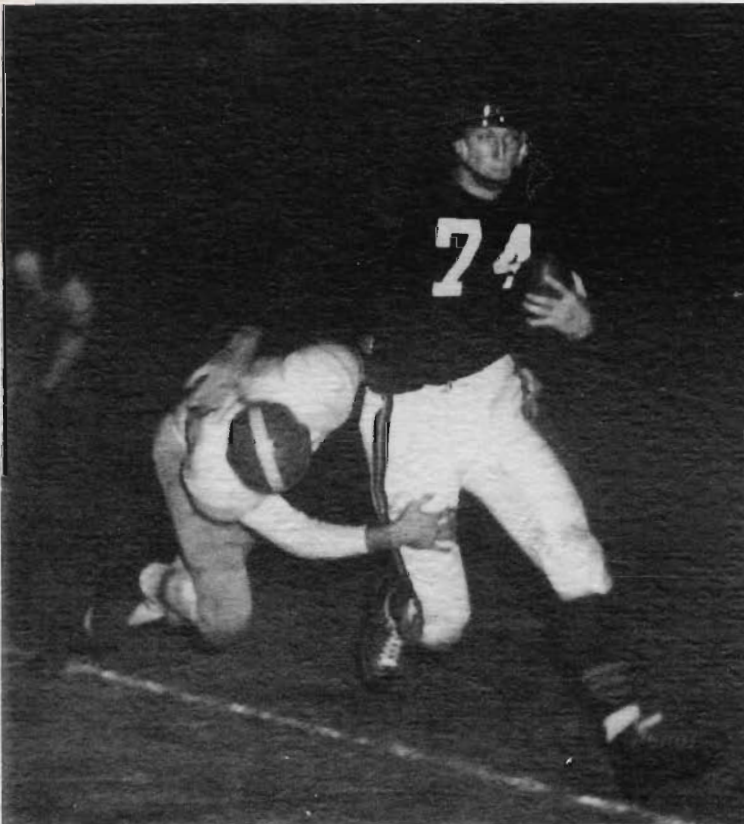
odly enough, it was the staters who chalked up the first score of the contest... after a tiger bobble of the opening kickoff and an aztec recovery, the san diegans tallied on a diagonal pass play covering 30 yards... six bengal touchdowns followed before the local eleven could score again...

pacific scoring was the work of don brown, who marked twice, bruce orvis, ray hunter, don hardy, and john rohde on a le baron pass... wayne hardin booted five extra points in six tries.

down front the beefy pacific line showed to overwhelming advantage with bob franceschini leading the way... the ex-balboa hi all-san francisco prep star was a vicious downfield blocker throughout the game while being his aggressive self as defense bulwark of the cat forwards...



**game captain
don brown
halfback**



**john dinubilo
center**



**bruce orvis
halfback**



**dave gerber
end**

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completely cleaning the bench of players — using 42 men — larry siemering out-piloted the pilots from portland university in the most lopsided affair on the tiger schedule... the rout was effected before approximately 5000 fans who came to baxter stadium in expectancy of just what happened on the clear, moon-laden saturday night of october 16...

the scoring was as equally divided as the playing time among the tiger corpsmen... seven backs, representing three backfield units, accounted for the dizzying sprints to paydirt... double scorers were don hardey and don brown... jack ross, john poulos, andy hyduke, wilbur sites, and eddie le baron each contributed a single tally to the long evening...

the pilots had ridden to town solely on the reputation of danny christianson, a passing whiz on the record books of 1947... however, he and his gallant band had little more than those entries in football's chronicles with which they could challenge the tiger...

portland did grab a quick lead in the opening minutes by virtue of a safety... the pilots also notched a touch-down in the first period on a christianson aerial to left halfback bob freeman... their lone score of the second half resulted from a nine-yard pitch from quarterback dick mysliwiec to right halfback bud williams...



game captain
 tommy atkins
 tackle



andy hyduke
 fullback



sid hall
 center



tiny campora
 tackle



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it was the eve of hallowe'en that a stroke of fate was seen by all pacific fans as a breach of right and justice... it was this october 30, 1948 that san jose won the annual tiger-spartan contest 14-7 on the strength of the weirdest official's decision in the annals of the traditional game...

it happened just eight minutes before the final gun with pacific in possession of the ball... the scoreboard showed seven points for each team... le baron received the snap from center and faked to fullback john poulos, who ploughed into the spartan line... eddie then turned his back on the line and faked to pass... he spotted roy kirsten far downfield and hit him squarely with a 43-yard toss... whistle-blowing, tumult, and confusion followed; the play was nullified on a mysterious decision that a whistle had preceded the play... the whistle had actually sounded when poulos carried out the fake, but the decision was rendered and remained irrevocable...

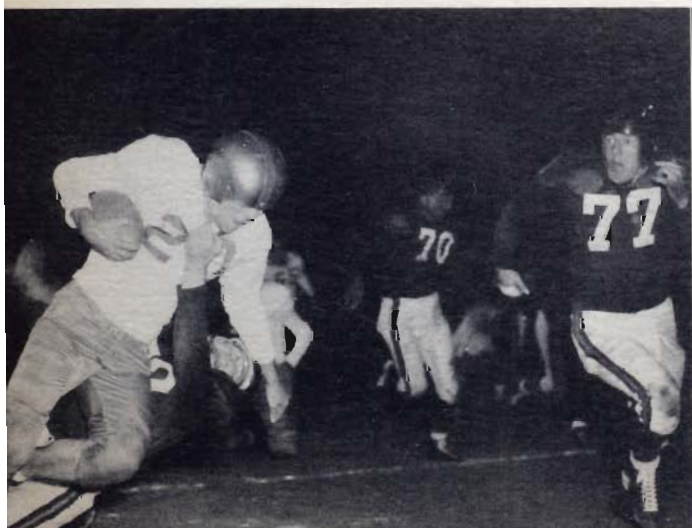
san jose picked up a subsequent pacific fumble on the c o p 25 and marched over the goal in eight plays... the score — 14-7...

due to the influx of rival followers and the avalanche of alumni for the annual homecoming trek, the game was moved to lodi's grape bowl... the 17,000 that swelled the stadium constituted the largest football gathering in san joaquin valley history...

pacific's redeeming point was the terrifying line-backing of harry kane... kane's great defensive performance netted him the pacific coast's "lineman of the week" recognition...

co-captain
ken johnson
guard

co-captain
john rohde
end



al smith
end

bill mc farland
halfback

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game captain
 roy kirsten
 end

just one week after the san jose debacle the men of larry siemering hit the comeback trail by routing a stubborn montana grizzly 32-14 in probably the coldest battle endured by this or any other tiger squad...

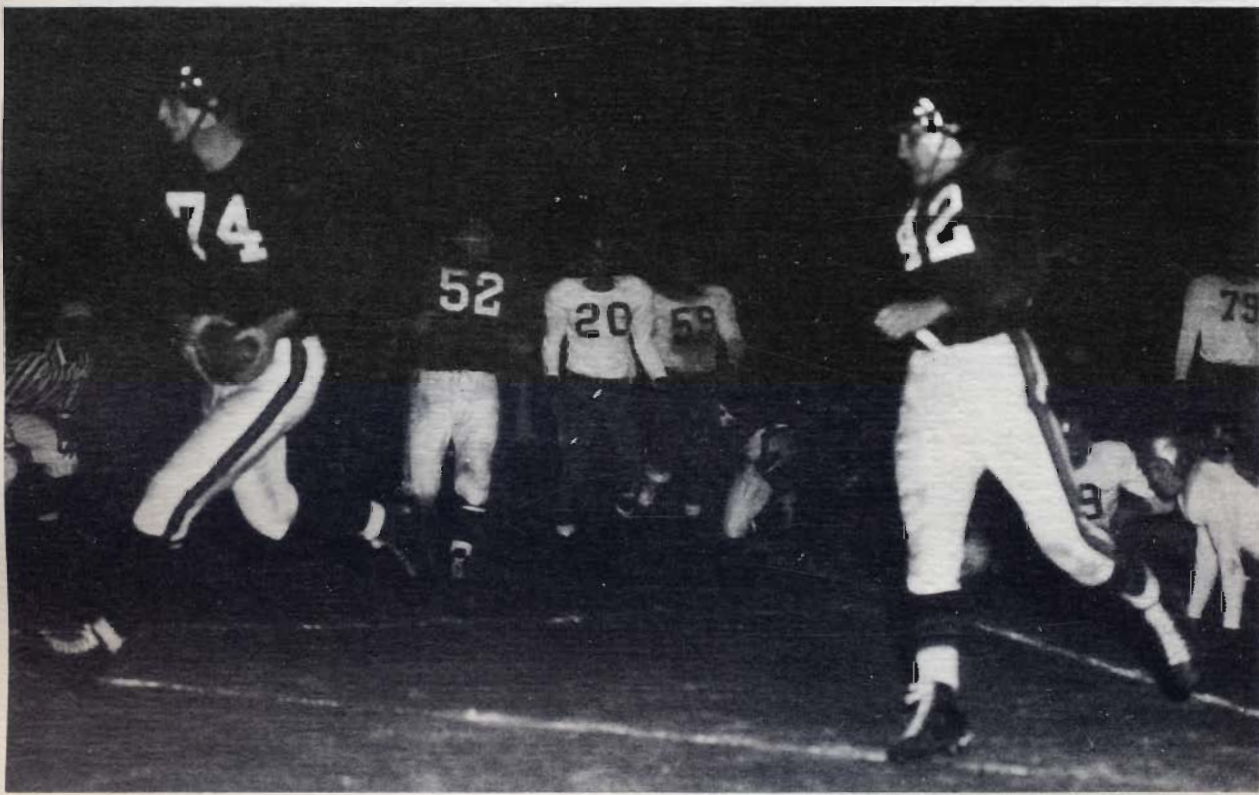
due to the ever-present dejection over the previous saturday's loss to sparta, the bengals were truly a sad lot as they boarded the missoula-bound train tuesday afternoon, november 2... all were aware of the rigors of the impending struggle with their first pacific coast conference foe — rigors of sub-freezing weather conditions and a frozen turf...

and though the howling blizzard came on schedule saturday afternoon the tigers were dauntless... the first thirty minutes found them grinding out a trio of markers — a pair by running with bobson and le baron carrying and a third on a le baron - to - rohde aerial... wayne hardin made good two of three conversion attempts to post a 20-0 orange and black lead at half-time.

in the second half pacific again reverted to its devastating running game to push across two more scores... bruce orvis tallied once on a line buck, and "peanuts" don brown sprinted 60 yards for his, the final, cat touchdown... montana's two successes came late in the third period on runs by roy helding and jack reynolds... bill prueninger converted twice...

the rejuvenated tiger found the snow to his liking to the tune of 295 yards rushing and 188 yards passing, while holding the hosts to a net of 262 yards running and passing...

the victory was a redeeming one for the tigers and a great personal triumph for le baron, the united press connoting him as "pacific's one-man football circus."



hunter moves over for the lone tally against san jose



doug breien
 guard



bob sachs
 end



ken 'mangler' johnson loves those spartans

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co-captain
bob franceschini
guard

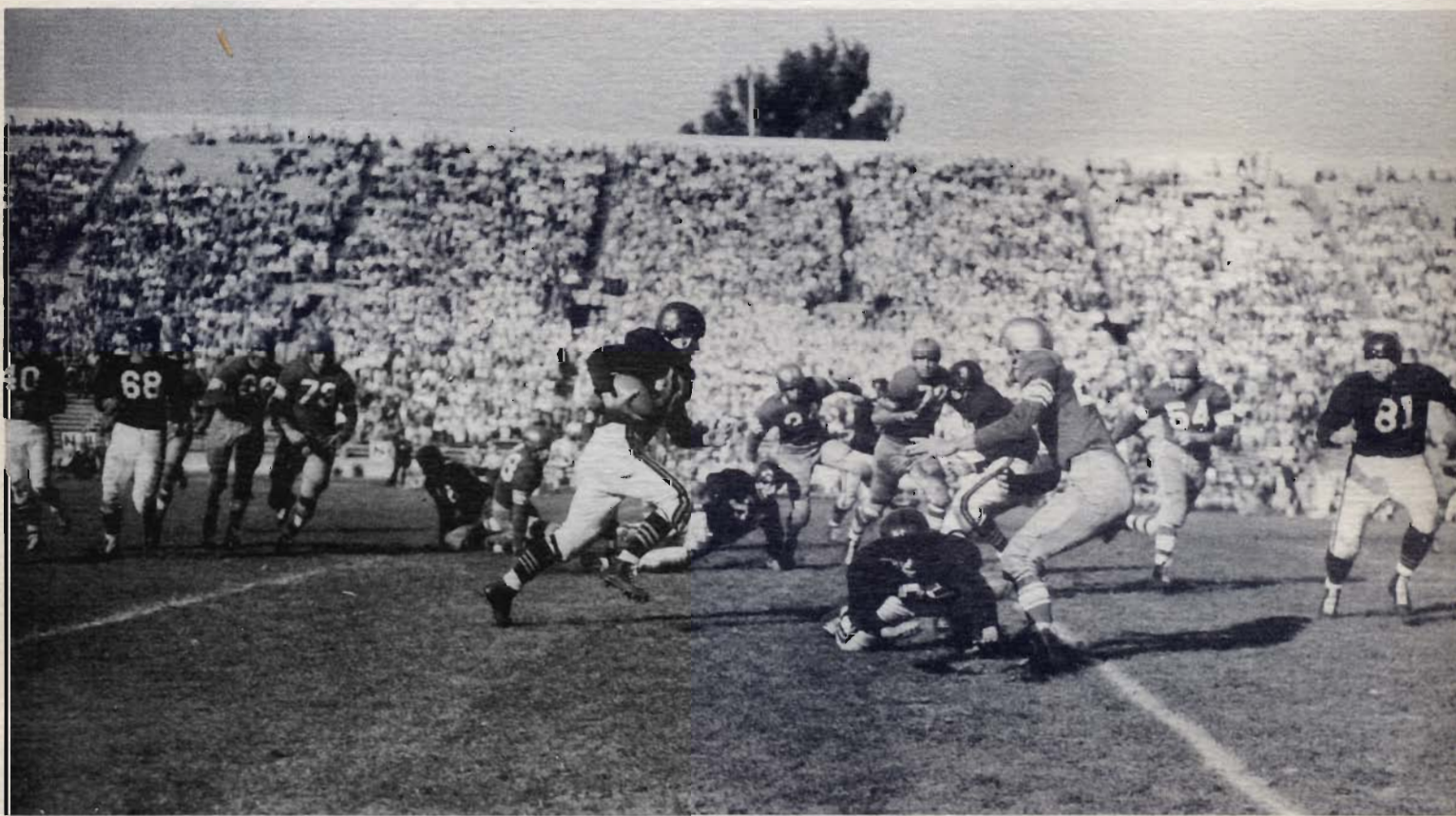
the tigers will always remember november 13, 1948 as the day they shocked a favored usf don eleven 32-14 on the kezar greensward and then became the toast of that fair city by the golden gate for one happy, hilarious night...

the game was billed as a sort of homecoming for larry siemering, since it was in san francisco as a hilltopper that our head mentor earned all-coast and all-american recognition in 1935... on the eve of the battle of the city's scribes warned of the bengal's deceptive attack and a quarterback "legend" named le baron... however, the consensus of opinion was partisan enough to establish the dons as 7- to 10-point favorites.

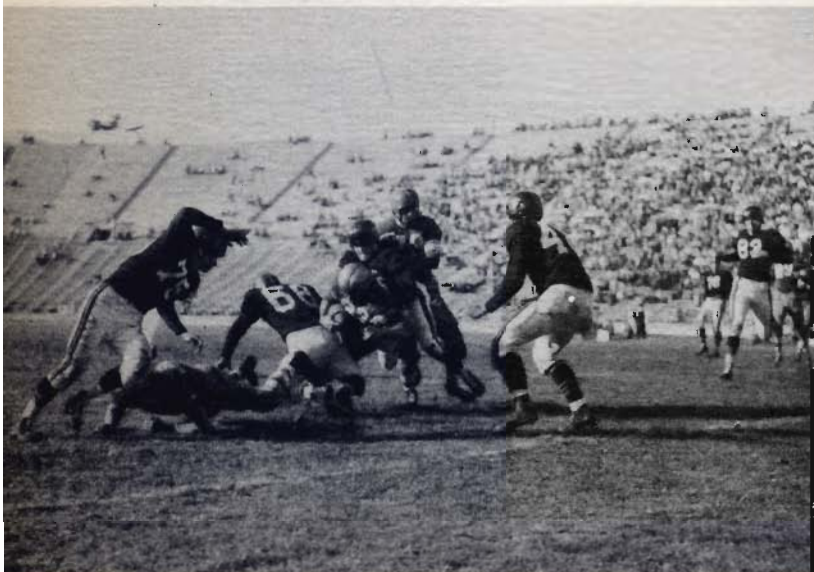
what really happened was this: before the vaunted usf air-arms of don panciera and jim ryan could hurl a single scoring strike, pacific's don hardy notched himself a pair of tallies on the business end of le baron's double-spinners... walt polenske and wilbur sites each bulled over for six, while rohde added another on a 30-yard heave from le baron... bill mc farland converted twice and the tigers had 32 points before relinquishing a critical yard...

when it really didn't count panciera hit fred klemenock, former stag star on wartime pacific elevens, in the end zone... manuel braz scored the final marker on a 40-yard dash down the north sidelines...

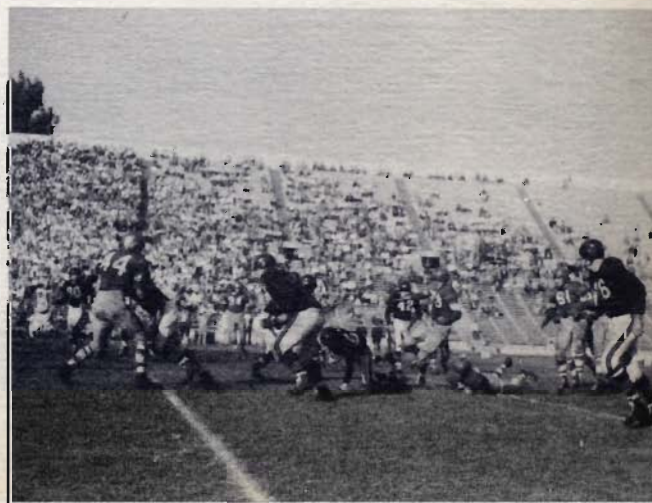
the victory was marked by bruising line play on the part of the tigers with bob franceschini standing out on both offense and defense... other stalwarts up front were bob sachs, joe rhin, don campora, and bob klein...



don brown romps away as teammates check would-be tacklers



gambetta downs a don



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co-captain
walt polenske
halfback



"come on you hungry tigers . . ."



bob heck
halfback



don beaver
end



bob moser
center

boyd and skipper express





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the college of the pacific gridgers effected their first shutout of the long season in setting down the santa barbara gauchos 46-0 in baxter stadium november 20...

the five thousand who witnessed the saturday arc-light affair saw pacific notch its third ccaa victory in four starts, giving it undisputed second place in loop standings... individually, it was a great night for don brown, who personally scored three times, running his season's total to nine...

it was another case of a dominating pacific ground attack lashing an undermanned foe... the only consolation in the dismal visitors' showing was the speedy duo of cathcart brothers, sam and royal, operating at the half-back poses... they repeatedly startled the crowd with threatening long gainers but never constituted a serious threat...

five of the bengals' seven scores resulted from running plays... besides the three by brown, ernie bobson tallied his first touchdown of the campaign on a 10-yard ramble that carried him to paydirt with a pair of gaucho defenders hanging on... don hardy scored from 38 yards out, taking the long lateral from le baron on the double-spinner...

the tiger air arm netted two six-pointers... a le baron - to - rohde pass play was good for 55 yards and a score, while a 25-yard aerial from jackie brown to "corky" cortez accounted for another... two conversions were kicked by bill mc farland; the other resulted from a le baron - to - ortez pass...

the yardstick favored the winners — 455 yards to 212 yards... in first downs c o p had a decided edge also — 15 to nine...

game captain
pete gambetta
tackle



all the way with the tigers



tigers stop a gaucho for no yardage

pat ribero
tackle

ernie bobson
fullback



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game captain
 wilbur sites
 fullback

once ranked only behind san jose state among pacific grid menacers, the fresno state bulldogs provided only passive resistance to tiger power in yielding 55-0 on the ratcliffe stadium turf sunny thanksgiving day...

it was don brown's day... on that november afternoon the lodi mite, known affectionately as "mighty mouse," raced to four touchdowns and personally accounted for half of pacific's total of 300 yards on the ground... it was also a field day for the bengal air arm, le baron and jack brown pegging scoring passes to brown, bob sachs, and john rohde (2)...

the game had a spectacular inception when lanky ray hunter toted the pigskin 82 yards to the two-yard line on the first scrimmage play... a momentarily stubborn bulldog wall staved off the inevitable however, and fresno took over with its back to the wall... fullback don clark's booming punt from deep in his own end zone was gobbled up on the pacific 34 by don hardy, who streaked down the sideline 66 yards for the first orange and black tally...

the fresno "traditional" marked the close of pacific's 1948 ccaa campaign... the victory was the cat's seventh in nine starts, their fourth loop win against the sole loss to san jose, the newly crowned titleists.



tigers look on as fresno man crumbles

eddie le baron
 quarterback

jim watters
 tackle



'mighty mouse' brown moves deep into bulldog territory