

Wampus Cats Open Season

1957-58 Football

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Wampus Cats Open Season Tonight - Members of the Cambridge City Wampus Cats line up by classes for their formal preseason football team photo. *Senior members, front row, left to right*, are Dave Lower, Bill Hicks, Don King, Larry Colvin, Pearl Suttles, Jack Callahan, Rex Hinsky, Tom Bryant, Jim Fleenor, and Bill Fink. Senior student manager Bill Keihn holds the football in front of Suttles. *Juniors second row, left to right*, are Ted Knipp, Gary Jefferies, Steve Fisher, Jim Miller, Junior Allen, Garth Fisher, Ronnie :Matney, Ronnie Parker and Dave Patterson. *Sophomores third row, left to right*, Paul Close, John Anderson. Brent Bundy. Larry Stanley, Jim Raby, Charles Carlson and Coaches Calvin Duff and Jack Copeland. *Freshmen back row, left to right*, are Bobby Brattain, Don Healton, Steve Briar, Jerry Thompson, Dave Wilson and junior varsity coach Gordon Samuels.

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Lack Of Depth Is Creating Biggest Problem For First-Year Cambridge Coach Calvin Duff

By Max Knight

CAMBRIDGE CITY – Lack of Depth appears as the biggest stumbling block facing new head Coach Calvin Duff as his Cambridge City Wampus Cats set to open at home with Fairmount Friday night.

Duff has but 31 players out for the team and must battle the injury list in order to keep at, full strength.

Among the 33, the new Lincoln high school coach, counts eight returning lettermen, including one

of the best fullbacks in the area in Pearl Suttles. With Suttles, Duff will have David Lower at center, Jim Fleenor and Bill Fink at halfback slots, Tom Bryant at quarterback and Rex Hinsky at right end.

Sophomore End

Left end will be held down by Larry Stanley, a 5-11, 165-pound sophomore. Stanley, according to Duff, has shown good ability at both pass receiving and defensive work and could develop into an excellent player.

Lincoln's line is not enormous but adequate, averaging near the 170-pound mark. Jack Callahan (175) will be at right guard with Larry Colvin (165) at left guard.

Don King (180) is scheduled to handle the left tackle slot with his running mate at right tackle to be Garth Fisher (200).

Fisher battled injuries most of the 1956 season but is rated by the Cambridge City coaching staff as one of the outstanding linemen of the Eastern Indiana Athletic Conference (EIAC).

Duff, a home-town product who was graduated from Earlham college last spring, will face one of the toughest schedules. the Wampus Cats have bumped up against in several years.

Here is the way it looks.

Sept 6	Fairmont	home
Sept 13	Batesville	home
*Sept 20	Brookville	away
*Oct 1	Batesville	away
Oct 4	Plainfield-Charleton	home
Oct 11	Winchester	away
*Oct 15	Aurora	home
Oct 18	Greenfield	away
*Oct 22	Hagerstown	home

*Denotes conference games.

Suttles is a potential all-state fullback with excellent speed and unusual durability. He led the Wampus Cats in ground gaining as a junior and is expected to take up where he left off this autumn.

Bryant Will Throw

Bryant is the passer of the squad and has good potential at end slots in Stanley and Hinsky. In fact. Bryant through the air and Suttles on the ground give the Wampus Cats a good offensive attack. Barring injury, it should be adequate, especially with the speedy Fleenor and elusive Fink at halfback.

However, lack of good second-string material in the line creates a problem for the defense.

The first line is well set but injuries could quickly present trouble. Only Ronnie Matney (145) has had previous varsity experience worthy of mention although Steve Fisher was expected to help before suffering a hunting accident early this week.

Barring injuries, Duff has hopes of his team breaking near the even mark. With injuries, it could be a cold autumn for the Wampus Cats.

Two new boys given good plugs by Duff were Jim Miller, a transfer student from Converse, and Junior Allen from Economy. Neither have had football experience but both showing good potential in early practices.

Good Chances

Bill Hicks (152), Jim Raby (195) and Brent Bundy (150) are given good chances of breaking into the lineup with Bundy acting as second string quarterback. Raby, a sophomore, works at tackle while Hicks, a senior, also is a tackle.

Duff will have Jack Copeland, a veteran of eight years at Lincoln, as his line coach while Gordon Samuels, a graduate with Duff last spring at Earlham will handle the Junior Varsity team.

Player	Pos.	Class	Weight	Height
David Lower	C	Sr.	165	6-0
Pearl Suttles	FB	Sr.	168	5-10
Jack Callahan	G	Sr.	175	5-11
Jim Fleenor	HB	Sr.	168	6-0
Larry Colvin	G	Sr.	168	5-7
Bill Fink	HB	Sr.	140	5-9
Don King	T	Sr.	180	5-10
Bill Hicks	HB	Sr.	152	5-11
Rex Hinsky	E	Sr.	165	6-1
Tom Bryant	QB	Sr.	159	6-1
Garth Fisher	T	Jr.	200	6-0
Ronnie Matney	E	Jr.	145	5-10
Ronnie Parker	T	Jr.	180	5-11
Dave Patterson	G	Jr.	165	5-8
Ted Knipp	G	Jr.	135	5-8
Jim Miller	HB	Jr.	153	6-0

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Gary Jefferies	G	Jr.	150	5-8
Junior Allen	E	Jr.	145	5-10
Brent Bundy	QB	Soph.	150	5-8
John Patterson	G	Soph.	136	5-8
Larry Stanley	E	Soph.	165	5-11
Jim Raby	T	Soph.	195	6-2
Paul Close	HB	Soph.	124	5-4
Charles Carlson	HB	Soph.	140	5-8
Larry Waskom	E	Soph.	140	5-8
Jerry Thompson	C	Fr.	142	6-0
Don Heaton	T	Fr.	158	5-8
John Anderson	HB	Fr.	120	5-5
Steve Briar	E	Fr.	139	5-7
Bobby Brattain	HB	Fr.	73	4-10
David Wilson	HB	Fr.	135	5-6