

# Greatest All-Stars?

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In the long history of the annual classic between the College All-Stars and the defending NFL champions, played for the benefit of the Chicago Tribune Charities, there were many outstanding All-Star teams put together. Arguably the best team of all was assembled for the 1943 Classic.

This was one of the years when the All-Star team was not restricted to just graduating seniors, and the resulting squad was an awesome array of talent that prepared to face the legendary Sammy Baugh and the Washington Redskins. Look at their starting lineup, and then consider that the 1943 All-Stars' "subs" included names like Mal Kutner, Jack Irish, Julius Franks, Dick Barwegan, Paul Governali, Charley Trippi, Steve Filipowicz, Steve Lach, Tommy James, Steve Juzwik, Creighton Miller, Jim Dewar, Willie Zapalak and Glenn Dobbs.

When 48,000 fans jammed Northwestern's Dyche Stadium on the night of

August 25, 1943 the All-Stars were primed and ready for the NFL champs.

The game started cautiously, and when they were unable to move on their second possession the Redskins boomed a punt out to midfield. There speedy Bob Steuber took the kick, raced around the oncoming defenders, and then weaved his way "thru an astounded Redskin eleven" for the 50-yard TD run and a 7-0 lead.

## ALL-STARS

L. E.....	Pete Pihos	[Indiana]
L. T.....	Al Wistert	[Michigan]
L. G.....	Felix Bucek	[Texas A. & M.]
C.....	Vic Lindskog	[Stanford]
R. G....	Garrard Ramsey	[Wm. & Mary]
R. T.....	Dick Wildung	[Minnesota]
R. E.....	Bill Huber	[Notre Dame]
Q. B.....	Dick Renfro	[Wash. State]
L. H.....	Otto Graham	[Northwestern]
R. H.....	Bob Steuber	[Missouri]
F. B.....	Pat Harder	[Wisconsin]

But this night Sammy Baugh was a passing demon (22 of 41 for 273 yards), and early in the second quarter he led a 71-yard Redskin drive that ended when Slingin' Sam passed to Joe Aguirre for a 5-yard TD and a 7-7 tie. Undaunted, the All-Stars

counter-attacked just before halftime with a 57-yard march and Glenn Dobbs of Tulsa passed to Pat Harder for the 26-yard TD and a 14-7 lead.

When the teams came out for the second half Baugh resumed his aerial attack and led Washington to a first down on the All-Stars' 18 yard line. Then Sam fired across the center and it was picked off by Otto Graham, who sprinted up the sideline with excellent blocking on, in the words of Wilfrid Smith, "a 97-yard sprint, in which he outmaneuvered two tacklers, in as brilliant a run as historic Dyche stadium has seen" for the TD. In the fourth quarter the Stars staged another nice drive with Harder sweeping around left end on a reverse for 33 yards and the final TD in a 27-7 win for the collegians.

Heroes abounded, from linemen Dick Wildung and Al Wistert who "never turned in better games"; to the aggressive defense and blocking of ends Pete Pihos and Bill Huber; to the brilliant backfield play of Glenn Dobbs and Charley Trippi. The All-Stars' MVP award went to Pat Harder of Wisconsin.

There would be other memorable nights for College All-Star squads, but the outfit that whipped the Redskins in 1943 may very well have been the greatest college football team ever assembled.