Quarterback Shift Pays Off

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David Ferguson, moved by Jess Neely to quarterback this spring, starred in the Grays’ 21-7 victory in the Blue-Gray game last Saturday.

Ferguson moved from wingback because there was no experienced quarterback, and staked a claim on the starting assignment against Louisiana Tech in September.

Also sharing the spotlight, and leading the Blue to the first touchdown of the game, was sophomore quarterback Robert Hailey. He played the entire game on offense and completed 13 of 28 passes for 128 yards.

Quarterbacks Absent

Ferguson was the big offensive start for the Grays with 13 completions in 19 attempts for 173 yards. Larry Doolen started the game for the Grays, but left early due to an injury.

Leading the Gray defense was veteran center Craig Christopher. Christopher was all over the field making tackles and capped his performance with an intercepted pass to set up the third Gray touchdown.

Walker Leads

Leading the rushers was fullback Gene Walker with a 3.9 yard average on 17 carries while sophomore tailback Hugo Hollas had a 3.3 yard average.

Chuck Latourette and Lester Lehman were also among the leading rushers for the afternoon.

Also showing strength this spring were the ends. Bert Barron, Murphy Davis, and Joe Tom Maxwell all caught touchdown passes. Barron passed for the weird two point conversion, when Ferguson bobbed the conversion snap after the Grays’ first touchdown, and kicked the extra point after the second one.

Even with the concentration on passing, the guards and tackles demonstrated that they could block for the ball carrier. Gray guards Jim Swanson and Bill Walker and tackles Harlon Dearing and Ernest Richardson opened holes for almost 100 yards rushing.