

KSU Out To Prove 'Jinx' Dead

'42 Is Historic Year In Flash Grid Tradition

In 1942 the Golden Flash supporters sat back comfortably in the Akron Rubber bowl as their football team romped over the University of Akron Zippers, 23-6.

The Golden Flash squad that year definitely was not the best "11" this university was equal to placing on a gridiron. It was the mere fact that the team composed largely of freshmen didn't know enough to be afraid of Akron and literally pushed the hapless Zippers all over the bowl.

In the first few minutes of play, the Flashes showed the fans that "'42" was Kent's year and that the Akron "Jinx" was forever broken.

Joe Fortunato kicked off for the Flashes and before the Hilltoppers displayed even the vaguest sign of an offense, Lou Federick, Flash guard, broke through the line to recover a Zipper fumble.

Five plays later Bill Barton plunged over for the first score.

On several occasions, Akron halfback Parker attempted to buck the Kent forward wall but the Kent men rose to each effort, throwing the Zipper star for losses.

Bo Dutton's kick from his goal to his own 26, enabled the Zippers to capitalize on a series of running plays to Kent's five. Here Zipper back Martin Chapman ran through guard for the only Akron score of the day.

Varsity Squad Won't Be Too Overconfident

As the 11th hour approaches for Kent State university gridirers, their thoughts are on but one thing—Beat Akron. Though some are not taking the fracas too lightly, the majority are confident of a Flash victory, the second in a row.

Lou Toth: "This game is the game we've waited for. We're ready."

Dick Wolfe: "They're pretty tough. It won't be any pushover."

Al Bohus: "This is the game everybody's been looking forward to. We should win it."

Tom Kot: "If the breaks come our way we'll take it."

Neal Nelson: "If the passers can connect we'll win."

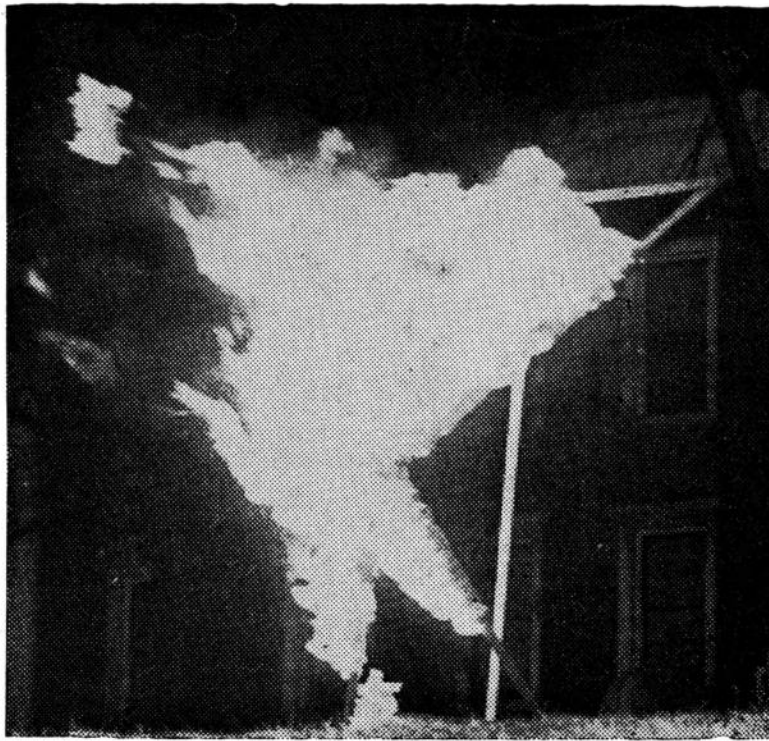
Howard Wolfgram: "We'll win by a big score."

Jack Urchek: "The only thing we have to fear is fear itself."

Tom Wilhelm: "No remarks."

Leo Kot: "It's going to be rough."

Bill Barton: "We found out in '42 that the Akron "Jinx" was a fairy story. I believe it will come to the same conclusion after our game this Friday night."



(Courier-Tribune Photo)

Symbol Flaunted Before Zips

A group of zealous KSU football fans invaded the University of Akron campus Monday night

and ignited the flaming K pictured above as part of the pre-Kent-Akron game rivalry.

This Is Our Year!

Today's special edition, prepared especially for the students of the University of Akron, is to give Zipper rooters an idea of the spirit and fight that their team will meet when it opposes Kent State university Friday night in the Rubber bowl.

Striking with all the speed and boldness which the nickname Golden Flashes indicates, the boys from down Kent way have established a fine record this season and are red hot.

Kent State is looking forward to this game for one main reason. We are out to show Akron—and ourselves—that when the Flashes were victorious over the Zippers in 1942 the famed "Jinx" was ended. We believe that the Akron Jinx now is buried underneath the playing sod of the Rubber bowl.

Whether or not we are right will be decided Friday night in a game where anything goes and previous scores mean nothing. We are not claiming a pushover. We do think we have the better team, but we know from experience that the team that is favored before this annual classic does not always emerge victorious from the fray.

But previous contests and pre-game predictions notwithstanding, this is our year. Kent State is on the threshold of a new era. We are out to fairly and squarely become a power in athletics giving us a reputation equal to our academic standing.

That the U. of Akron must be pushed to the wayside in Kent State's forward march is regrettable. But that is among the fortunes of war. One team usually must lose. This time and for many times during the coming years, we are going to win. It's going to take quite a few victories to even off in the triumph and defeat columns, but this is the start.

Our university will be out thousands-strong to cheer for the Golden Flashes. The KSU fans will provide the backing and our 11 men on the field will do the job.

That Akron Jinx? We never heard of it!

Golden Flash Gridirers Aim For Second Victory In Row Over Akron U.

Kent State university students will be given an opportunity to blow their tops at the Rubber bowl tomorrow night when the Golden Flashes clash with their oldest rivals, the Zippers from the University of Akron.

Trevor Rees' crew is rated 10 points over the Zips on the Kent State campus. The Blue and Gold footballers are feeling their oats after their one-sided victories over Kalamazoo and Ohio Wesleyan.

Only once in the 17-year-old history of Flash-Zipper gridiron feuding has KSU come out on top. That was in 1942 when the locals ran roughshod over a hot and cold Akron team, 23-6.

But that game was an exception in a series that has seen Akron tally 158 points to the Flashes' 60 and pile up 10 wins against the one loss. One contest, played in 1932, ended in a scoreless tie.

The KSU gridirers will enter the fray in a slightly banged up condition. Ends Pat Del Vecchio and Lou Toth have been limping since the Bowling Green game.

Frank Mesek, first string tackle, has almost been counted out of Friday's game due to severe chest and knee bruises, while Leo Kot is just now trying his weight on the leg he broke in the early part of the campaign.

Zipper followers will see their squad in full force with the possible exception of Ed Mahoney. Mahoney is bothered with an ailing shoulder that may keep him on the bench.

Both Johnny McMillan and Bill

Holsberry, Zipper backfield stars, will be available for the evening's entertainment. The two backs were bothered with twisted knees several weeks ago.

Zip Coach Paul Baldacci will probably stick to the same lineup that saw his team pound out victories over the heavily favored Western Reserve Red Cats and the Wooster Scots.

Leroy Peach and David Forbes will get the call at the tackles, Floyd Azar will be at the pivot post, Danny Senuta and Andy Polous will flank Azar. Martin Chapman and Joe Papp will be at ends.

Francis Browning and Tom Grucella will round out the backfield with McMillan and Holsberry.

Rees has been strengthened by the addition of fleet running Danny Kratzer, a graduate of the university's Jay-Vee team. Kratzer bulled through the Wesleyan line last week for an average of slightly under nine yards per crack.

Johnny Moore, the Flash choice for all-Ohio honors, is primed and ready to lead the locals' overhead barrage. Moore's passes have been responsible for a total of 540 yards or 18 per cent of the total KSU yardage.

Flash Injuries Bring Laugh; Akron Ailments Cause Tears

Coming from the Akron university camp all season long have been cries, directed at KSU, of using the old injury-riddled dodge as a feature of pre-game grid writeups. We do this, it has been inferred, to soften and pad any possible inferior showing the Golden Flashes might make.

Trevor Rees' Flashes have suffered more than their share of injuries this year and only the truth was spoken in connection with the publicizing of these.

But, lo and behold, what kind of an article do we find appearing in last Tuesday's issue of the Beacon Journal? A banner headline loudly proclaims that three of the Zippers' key men are on the shelf with injuries. Without these men, the article seems to indicate, Paul Baldacci's Akronites are but sacrificial lambs offering themselves up for slaughter.

"He (Baldacci) realizes that without these men his chances of victory are almost nil," says Lincoln Hackim, author of this celebrated, precedent-

setting piece. The ailing include Bill Holsberry, aerial specialist; Martin Chapman, flanker; and Tom Grucella, freshman halfback.

With or without the services of the aforementioned three, the Zips remain a dangerous ball club and Trev Rees and his Golden Flashes know it. They also know that in a traditional game of this nature, comparative records and so-called dope mean nothing.

It is doubtful if the Kent State university football team can be lulled into a group mental attitude of superiority over the Zippers merely through the use of publicity which points in that direction.