



The Flaget Museum

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The "All-Southern" Football Team

Around the early 1920s football had overtaken the nation at all levels of play. It would only be natural that outstanding players and teams would be singled out for recognition for their achievements on the field. One of the first entities to produce an all star football team would be the Lake City Reporter newspaper in Florida. Their original concept was to recognize the best five or so high school players from each of ten southern states. The number of states varied and finally settled on twelve states. Kentucky, Tennessee, Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, Texas, Arkansas, South Carolina, North Carolina, and Virginia were the twelve southern states from which the "All-Southern" team would be chosen. Some years a bare minimum of sixty or so players were named, other years many honorable mentions would be given. In 1947 the Orlando Sentinel Newspaper took over the compilation and publishing of this all-star team. This compilation became the premier presentation of its kind because it covered such a large section of the country, the South, which was a hotbed for football. Sportswriters, sportscasters, and other athletic entities would nominate the players from which the final selections would be made. In December of each year those named would receive a certificate naming them to the "All-Southern" team. You would think that such a prestigious listing would be readily available in almost every Southern newspaper, you would be wrong however. The full named team was almost never published in total by any one news outlet. Usually only a mention was made, giving the name of some local boy who made the team from their respective state, and the honorable mentions were almost never reported. For years I have tried to compile a complete list of the Louisville players who made the team and found it an almost impossible task. Success finally came this year. I have now been able to complete my quest and make a full listing of Flaget footballers that were named to the "All-Southern" teams. For the few years that Flaget was in existence they were well represented. Their first player was named in 1949 and their last in 1971. You say you would like to see this listing? Well for that you will have to visit the Flaget Museum where the listing is now ready for viewing. I have even made a few extra copies that are available for the taking.

As always the Flaget Museum is accepting vintage items for display. Trophies, sports programs, and just about any other items from the days when Flaget was open are accepted. Just bring the items with you to any luncheon, drop them off at the museum, or call me if you need help.