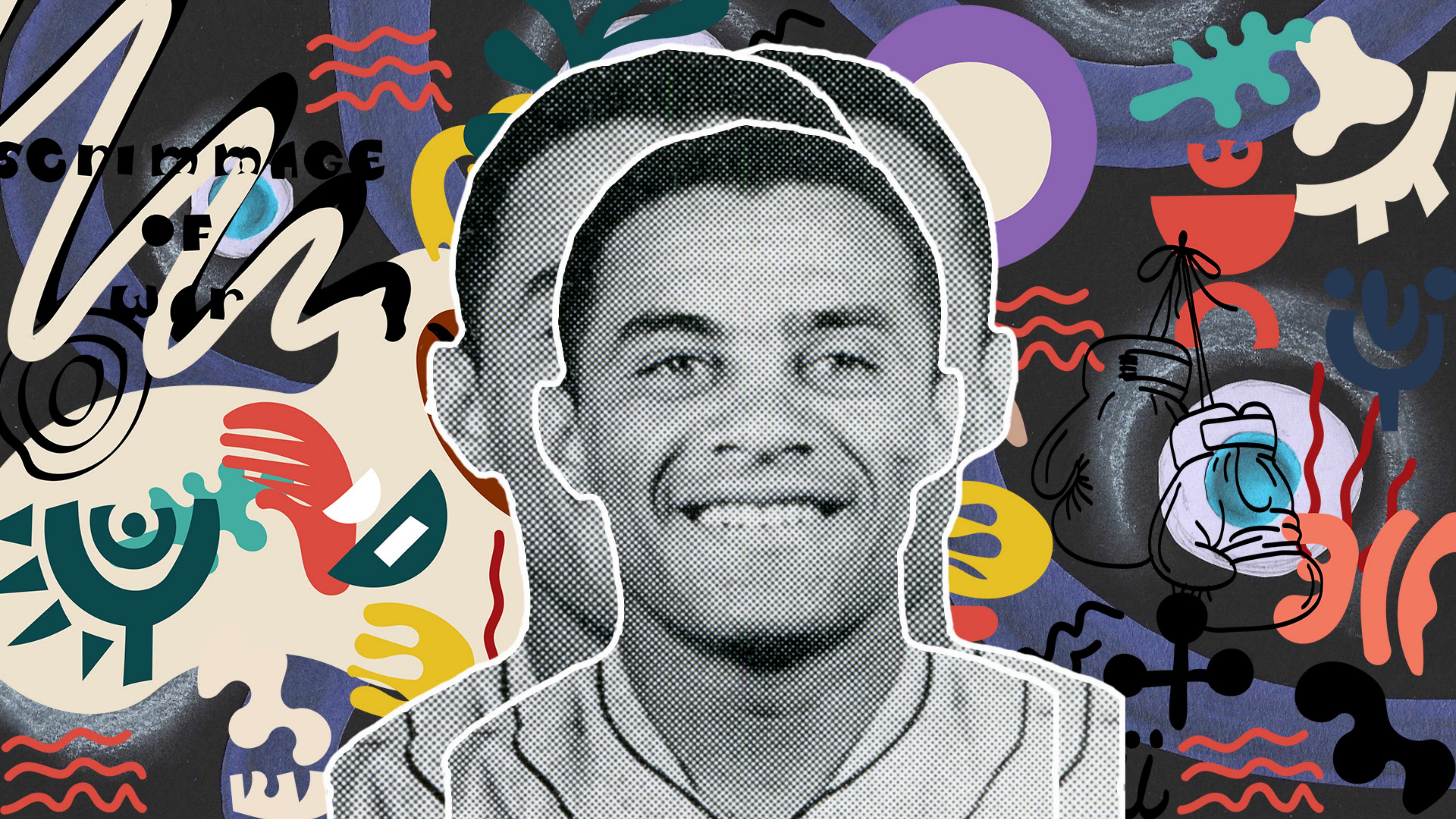




Black Spartans (1907-1948)

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Exhibit Curators Statement

"Black Spartans (1907-1948)" represents ongoing research in SJSU Special Collections & Archives identifying documentation of Black experiences throughout SJSU history. This exhibit is the first of several installments.

Much of the information we have comes from the Spartan Daily student newspaper and the La Torre yearbooks. With too few exceptions, Black Spartans' stories are not told in their own words but from the perspectives of their majority white classmates. This is reflected in the language and focus of the articles. We invite you to read critically.

The Black Spartans featured in this exhibit pursued their educational goals while contending with institutionalized racism and other major crises of the 20th century: two World Wars, the influenza pandemic of 1918, and polio. Locally, "the deed to virtually every home in San Jose" included restrictions against Black and Asian residents known as "restrictive covenants" (Spartan Daily, February 16, 1948, page 2). On campus, blackface and minstrel shows were a regular part of student events.

"Black Spartans (1907-1948)" is an invitation to the community to join us in surfacing these stories, ensuring these histories are preserved and presented in a way that honors these students' lives. Contact us at special.collections@sjsu.edu to participate.

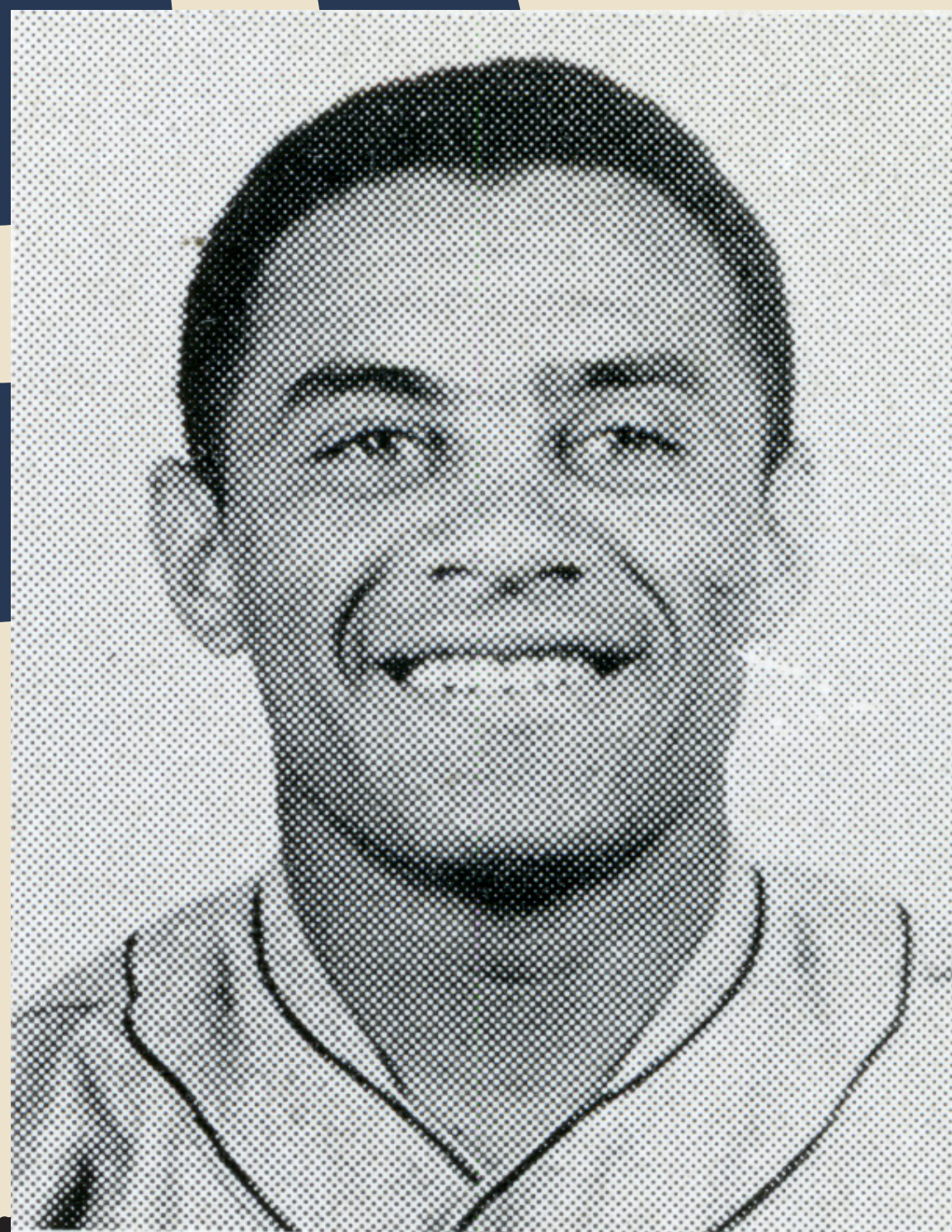
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Artist Statement

The "Black Spartans (1907-1948)" exhibition is a homage to Black culture and history at San José State University and the Bay Area at large. Until recently, the significance of Black bodies in Bay Area history (as well as U.S. history) was overlooked. Unless it was associated with the struggles of civil rights leaders, athletes, or celebrity-personas, the story of a graduate from a state school wasn't valued because we weren't part of the mainstream culture. As a Black Spartan myself, I was deeply connected to these individuals that started out just like me. I saw a reflection of myself and my community throughout the process of making these mixed media portraits and came to realize how important it is to know your history because it becomes a catalyst for knowing who you are.

My work explores the intricacy of identity and the role culture, tradition, and history play. These portraits are embodiments of our Black Spartans, they are visual representations of the colorful and captivating lives they led. Through this work, I hope to influence other artists and individuals to take part in researching and finding out the infinite layers of what it means to be Black. Our history is beyond our struggle. We are the blueprint.

Yeab Kebede
'22 Digital Media Arts



Aubrey Minter attended San Jose State College from 1940-1944. He was a football halfback, baseball player, and novice boxer. Minter was a member of the football team when they traveled to Hawaii in November 1941 to play against both University of Hawaii and Willamette University. The trip was violently interrupted by the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, and Minter and his teammates spent the weeks after the attack assisting the local police and engaging in the work of digging trenches, installing barbed wire, and patrolling to ensure the safety of the island's inhabitants. Minter and his teammates' experience is detailed in the book "Scrimmage for War: A Story of Pearl Harbor, Football, and WWII."

**GRIDDERS HOLD FIRST
SPRING SCRIMMAGE;
FIVE TEAMS FORMED**

Tossing aside the wraps and swinging into their first scrimmage of the year, sixty-three potential Spartan gridders gave their all in their premier performance, executing the razzle-dazzle as used by the inventor himself.

Full steam ahead with five teams, each taking a couple of turns at defense and offense, a lot of new talent was previewed before the

eyes of Coaches Warner, DeGroot, and Hubbard in the first “have at it” yesterday.

Showing a surprising amount of deception considering the amount of time spent learning the plays and the unfamiliarity with the new system, the defense chased ball packers all over the field to find that a spinning fullback had kept the ball on a fake and was running all alone down the side-line.

COOK SHINES

Kenny Cook, veteran guard, seemed to be the biggest sore in the side of the new offense and was spilling plays in the opponents backfield all afternoon. Kenny packs his 185 pounds like a shot of dynamite and yesterday looked like the best defensive lineman on the field.

Aubrey Minter, a dusky little flash from Fullerton junior college packed the mail in true Gene Rocchi style and along with Veteran Costello and Frosh Clark made the left halfback spot look stronger even with the graduation losses.

Zetterquist and Manoogian, the righthalf gold dust twins, performed like a couple of well “oiled” machines and gave promise of continuing the duel they waged last year for that spot.

Johnson, Reginato, Tamborini, and Allen all showed well for the flanks, but seemed to have lot of trouble covering, for the tackles were obviously bewildered by the deception of the new reverses.

210-POUND FULLBACK

Big Jim Wilson running at full-

Spartan Daily

April 14, 1939

Aubrey Minter joins the San Jose State College football team after attending Fullerton Junior College.

WORKING THE
SPORTS
ANGLE

By PONY SWENSON

NICK NAME CHAMP—While college students throughout the United States are vying for the gold-fish eating championship, our own Glenn S. “Pop” Warner also aspires to hold a title among the collegiate ranks. The “old fox” is making a valiant try for the “world’s champion nicknamer”.

Ever since he joined the ranks of Spartatowne as advisory coach, Warner has flooded the San Jose grid camp with more pseudonyms that he has new formations for his pupils.

NEW COGNOMENS—Good old family names such as Jones, Brown, Smith, Johnson, and Zetterquist have been forgotten by Warner and a set of new cognomens assigned the Spartan footballers. In all his many years of football coaching, Warner has had to remember a lot of names, so undoubtedly at this stage of the game he feels that it’s a lot simpler to name the players himself.

EXAMPLES—You can’t accuse “Pop” of not going about naming his players in a scientific way. For instance, Lowell Todd, at one time a star on the Saprtan track team, is named after his favorite event and is called, “Javelin”.

Halfback Aubrey Minter has been officially christened, “Mule”, by Warner. Carlton Peregoy, who may prove a “cure” for San Jose’s fullback problems, is given a medicinal name, “Peregoric”. Giant Tackle Jim Wilson is, “Big Fella”. Herman Zetterquist is, “Zitterbug”. Crooner Bob Boucke is, “Boogie”. And so on.

WHO’S HE?—The other night Warner was absent from practice and the duty of running the team through scrimmage fell on the shoulders of Head Coach Dud DeGroot. DeGroot started to name off a first string and said, “Titchenal, you take center.”

A couple of the Spartans gridders looked bewildered, scratched their heads, and said, “Titchenal? Who’s he?”

Spartan Daily

May 25, 1939

Coach Glenn “Pop” Warner nicknames Aubrey Minter “Mule”.

GRID NOTES

(Editor's Note—Today's column is written by a guest writer, manager of the football team, Chauncey Benevento, who is considered to be "in the know"—Andre Arnold.)

Aubrey Minter.

Remember that name! You are liable to hear it a lot next football season. Minter is a transfer from Fullerton junior college where he was one of the outstanding jaycee men of the south.

He stands about 5 feet 6 inches and weighs close to 145 pounds. He is one of the fastest men on the squad, and he runs and passes with unusual ability. One of his outstanding assets in the great game of football is rapid acceleration and the ability to pick up holes in the line.

His shiftiness enables him to scoot through the smallest possible openings, and if he ever breaks into the open, he is dynamite.

Minter plays at a left half berth, and is bucking some stiff competi-

tion at that spot. Minter has three years of college football ahead of him, and before his career is over, he should bring back memories of another mighty midget of Sparta—Gene Rocchi.

Spartan Daily

May 31, 1939

Football team manager Chauncey Benevento praises Aubrey Minter's speed and skill on the field.

San Jose Crushes Nevada 28-0 For 5th Straight Win

San Jose State Spartan football warriors victimized their fifth straight opponent here last Saturday night, trapping the University of Nevada Wolves, 28-0.

The DeGroot-Warner machine manufactured its own breaks and then made the most of them to turn back the Wolfpack. It was San Jose's "Maginot Line" that leaked through the Nevada forward wall to block two punts and pave the way for two of the locals' four touchdowns.

MINTER RAMBLES

Aubrey Minter, zig-zagging little sophomore halfback, provided the only real thrill of the ball game on an 80-yard run to a touchdown on Nevada's kickoff at the start of the second half. The diminutive colored boy took Mitch Cobeaga's boot on the 20, swung to the right sideline where he picked up an escort of Spartan interferers whose scythe-like blocking sprung him into the open. Once in the clear, Minter's tantalizing hip-action carried him by the Nevada safety man for the score. Manoogian kicked the extra point.

San Jose's first scoring opportunity occured late in the first quarter, with Captain Bob Titchenal breaking through to block Cobeaga's punt that a swarm of Spartans recovered on the Nevada 20.

COSTELLO SCORES

Four straight reverses with Morris Manoogian packing the mail and a one-yard skirt of right end by Leroy Zimmerman worked
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Eighty-Yard Ramble By Minter Highlight Of Spartan Attack

STATISTICS		
	S.J.	Nev.
First Downs.....	8	5
Yards, scrimmage.....	194	104
Yards lost, scrim.....	25	27
Net, scrimmage.....	169	77
Yards, passes.....	20	36
Yards lost, passes.....	0	0
Net, passes.....	20	36
Total gain.....	189	113
Passes attempted.....	10	8
Passes completed.....	3	1
Passes intercepted.....	0	0
Fumbles made by.....	7	3
Fumbles recovered.....	5	5
Penalties.....	15	15
Scoring: San Jose, touchdowns, Costello, Zimmerman, Minter (sub for Costello), Tornell; extra points (by place-kick), Cook two, Manoogian; (by run), Manoogian.		



Spartan Daily

October 9, 1939

Aubrey Minter plays a pivotal role in a football team victory over the University of Nevada.

14,000 Witness State Finish Perfect Year

By PONY SWENSON
Spartan Daily Sports Editor

San Jose State's Spartans put a fitting finishing touch to its 1939 football season by polishing off the Drake University Bulldogs, 12-0 here last night as a crowd of 14,000 fans looked on. It was the co-coached Warner-DeGroot machine's thirteenth straight victory and the locals ended

their schedule untied and undefeated to insure their chances of a "bowl" bid.

San Jose ran up against a tough ball club in the person of the Drake team which gave the Spartans a bruising 60-minute gridiron battle. Except for a single penetration by the DeGrootmen deep into Drake territory in the second quarter, the first half was a battle that took place between the two 30-yard lines.

Sparta's lone touchdown in the first half came in the closing minutes of the second quarter after Guard Ken Cook crashed through and smeared Ned Swan's punt on the four-yard line where End Chuck Johnson recovered for the locals.

PEREGOY SCORES

One thrust at right guard by Carlton Peregoy at this point was all the Spartans needed to break the scoring ice. Ken Cook's attempted conversion was blocked.

San Jose's only real scoring march that matured came early in the fourth quarter and was sparked by Halback Aubrey Minter who ran the Bulldog defense ragged on reverse plays. The drive was good for 55 yards, starting on the State 45.

THE "Z" MEN

Runs by Zimmerman and Herm
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FOOTBALL

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Zetterquist that penetrated Bulldog territory to the 41-yard line was followed by a 21-yard jaunt off right tackle by Aubrey Minter to the 20. An off-side penalty moved the Spartans back five yards, but a double reverse with Minter winding up with the pigskin placed San Jose down to the 10.

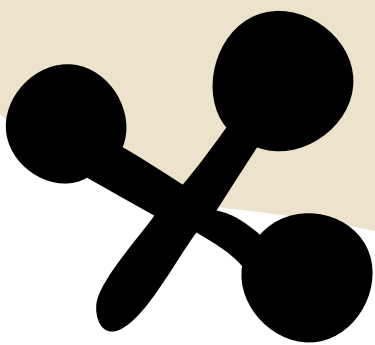
Minter and Manoogian wormed the ball down to the one-yard line, and a crashing drive at right guard by Fullback Dick Hubbell was good for the touchdown. Ken Cook's kick went wide.

Shortly afterwards the Spartans failed by inches of capitalizing on a 47-yard drive that found Minter and Manoogian teaming up to do most of the damage in advancing to the Bulldogs' two-yard line. Zimmerman then hit center but fumbled over the goal line where Drake recovered for a touchback.

SCORING THREAT

It was Carlton Peregoy who led a second quarter scoring threat that started on Sparta's 43 and ended on the Drake 13, where an attempted field goal by Ken Cook failed.

Statistically, the only decisive edge shown by the Spartans was in their passing attack by which they gained 50 yards to none for the 'Dogs. From scrimmage the locals rolled up a net yardage of 99 to the visitors' 82. First downs were 11 to 6 in favor of San Jose.



Spartan Daily

December 1, 1939

Aubrey Minter closes out a "perfect year" with the San Jose State College football team.

ENTRIES FOR NOVICE BOXING TOURNAMENT STILL POURING IN

By CON LACY

With entries still pouring in for the Novice Boxing tournament Thursday and Friday, the heavyweight class looms as a battle royal with at least four outstanding men entered. Deadline for entries is tomorrow noon, with weigh-ins in the afternoon.

HAMIL HEAVY THREAT

Bob Hamil, 210-pound football tackle, is the newest heavyweight entrant. Other heavyweights are Walt Mazzone, Jim Cummings, and Heatwole, varsity basketball player. Mazzone is rather light, but rates

the pre-tourney favorite because of his speed and vicious punching ability.

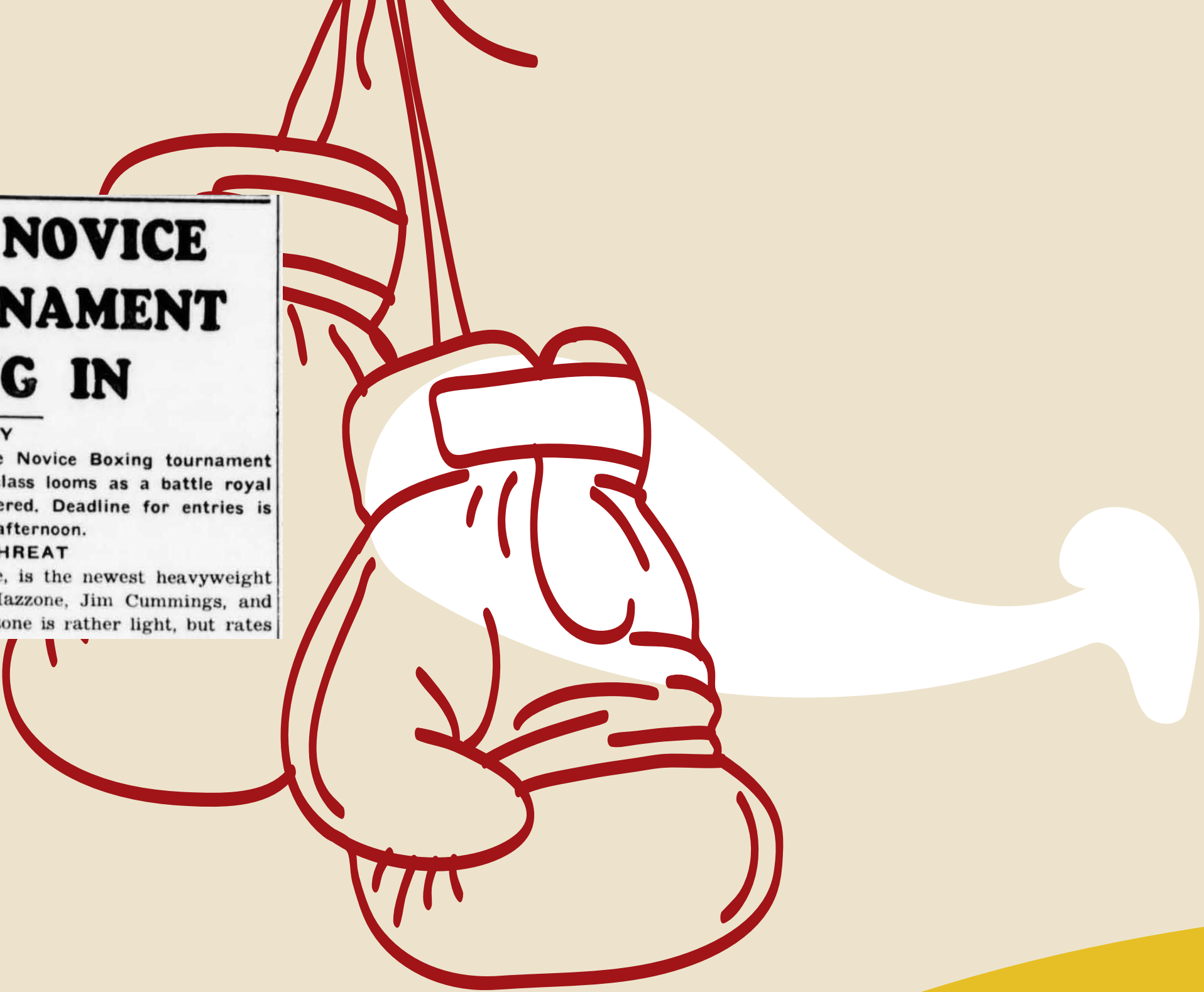
Eckert Hall, and the Spartan Knights rule as favorites for the team title, with Eckert Hall having a slight edge. The winning team will be awarded a trophy, and individual champions medals. Both the medals and the trophy are on display in the case in the gymnasium. An award will also be given for the best rooting section.

MINTER, GRID STAR, ENTERS

Interest in the 165-pound class has been aroused by the entry of Aubrey Minter, star safety man of the high-scoring football team. Minter is a rugged puncher and an outstanding varsity prospect. Minter expects to enter the all-college tourney if he is crowned champion Friday.

Outstanding prospect in the 155-pound class is southpaw Johnny Groves of Chuck Kerwin's Spartan Knight team. Groves is a tall rangy boxer with an exceptionally hard left hand. Coach Portal rates him as one of his greatest prospects in years.

Another of Kerwin's entries tabbed as a probable winner is Eldon Becker in the 120-pound class. Becker is another "southpaw" with a good punch. He is tall and rangy, with a style similar to Kerwin's. Kerwin rates him his best man.



Spartan Daily

January 23, 1940

Aubrey Minter enters a novice boxing tournament.

Athletic Awards Announced By Walt McPherson

Athletic award winners for the fall quarter were disclosed yesterday by Graduate Manager Walt McPherson, following approval by the student council.

In addition to the announced awards, the council has voted special blanket honors to the football team members for the undefeated, untied season, during which they captured the California State college football title, and for the second year led the nation's grid squads in points scored.

Also approved by the council this week were gold soccer balls for the soccer team, winner of the Northern California Intercollegiate conference shin-kicking title.

APPROVED AWARDS

Approved awards are as follows:

Varsity football: Allen, Bronzan, Buckingham, Buffa, Carmody, Clement, Cook, Costello, Hammill, Hansen, Hubbell, Johnson, Lavagnino, McCoy, Manoogian, Minter, Peregoy, Presley, Titchenal, Tornell, Wenberg, Wilson, Zetterquist, Zimmerman. Special two-year service: Antagnoni, Pursell. Injuries: David Titchenal. Service honors: Abdallah, Andrews, Bagby, Belnap, Bonanno, Boucke, Bramble, Butero, Carter, Cottrell, Fosberg, Hearn, Kasparovitch, Kinney, Lester,

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Spartan Daily

January 24, 1940

Aubrey Minter is listed among students due to win athletic awards in Varsity football.

NOVICE CHAMPS CROWNED

Boxing Tourney Ends In Deadlock; Spartan Knights, Tau Delts Tie

The sixth annual Novice Boxing tournament ended in a deadlock Friday night, as the Spartan Knights and the Tau Delta Phi honor fraternity tied for the team championship with 26 points apiece. Each organization will be awarded the trophy for a six-month period.

The Hawaiian club was third with 20 points, and the P.E. majors fourth with 16. Eckert Hall finished with four points, while the 330 club was first with one point.

CAPACITY CROWD

A capacity crowd of over 2000 witnessed the fights, virtually all of which were slugfests. Eckert Hall with a siren and a yell leader, lead the organizations for the rooting award.

120-Pound class produced one of the best boxing bouts of the evening with Bob Webber of the Tau Delts winning the championship over Eldon Becker, Spartan Knight southpaw. Both boys boxed cleverly with Webber having a slight edge in a very close and hard-fought match.

The heavyweight class was the thriller of the evening with Dave Osmond, slugging wrestler of the Hawaiian club, winning the title over Bob Ashcraft. Ashcraft was the better boxer, but Osmond's unorthodox slugging tactics, and aggressiveness was enough to win the title.

Another thriller in the 118-pound class pitted Jim Fahn of the P.E. majors against Bud Rideout of the Spartan Knights. Fahn and his wild swings was too strong for Rideout and floored him in the second, but in the third, Rideout again began to get the range with a long left jab, and a hooking right that brought the crowd to its feet as the boys stood toe to toe. Fahn received the decision.

Three football players also looked impressive in winning championships. Jack Sarkisian KO'ed Usher Tucker in the second round of the 175-pound bout, while Aubrey Minter and Dick Hubbell won the 155 and 165 pound championships respectively.

Semi-final results:

155—Groves dec. Riley.
155—Minter TKO over McCarthy.
165—Triplett dec. Soulds.
165—Hubbell dec. Tallent.
Heavyweight—Osmond dec. Jim Cummings.
Heavyweight—Ashcraft dec. Bob Hamill.

FINAL RESULTS

120—Webber dec. Becker.
127—Fahn dec. Rideout.
135—Payne dec. Hill.
145—Murdock dec. Peebles.
155—Minter dec. Groves.

WINNAHS -- AND NEW CHAMPS!

120 lbs.—Bob Webber of the Tau Delts.
127 lbs.—Jim Fahn of the P.E. Majors.
135 lbs.—Bob Payne of the Tau Delts.
145 lbs.—Stan Murdock of the Spartan Knights.
155 lbs.—Aubrey Minter of the Hawaiian Club.
165 lbs.—Dick Hubbell of the Tau Delts.
175 lbs.—Jack Sarkisian of the Spartan Knights.
Hvywt.—Dave Osmond of the Hawaiian Club.

Spartan Daily

January 29, 1940

Aubrey Minter wins a technical knockout over his opponent in a novice boxing match.

Horsehiders Open '40 Season Today In Moraga Valley

If this ideal baseball weather continues to prevail, Coach Walt McPherson's varsity horsehiders will open their 1940 season against the Gaels of Saint Mary's this afternoon in Moraga.

STARTING NINE

Lack of practice during the past two weeks has made the Spartans an unknown quantity on the baseball diamond. McPherson's probable

starting lineup will be; Minter, behind the plate, Nasimento on the mound, with an infield combination of Terry at first, Sanchez at second, Captain Rhodes at third, and Hunt at short. In the outfield will be Frizzi, Fancher, and Gurich.

This unit has shown the most promise in the few short practices, according to McPherson, but many good men are still trying to get in shape, and may break into a first string berth before long. John Allen, Stu Carter, and Truck Tornell turned out for the team last night, but must get in horsehide trim. These three men just completed their cage season.

VETERAN TEAM

In meeting the Gaels for the season opener, the Spartans face one of the strongest teams in the Bay area. Touted as the equal to any coast league team and with a veteran team returning, Coach Earl Shelley's team will be favored to win today.

Who will start on the mound for the powerful Gael nine will depend on weather conditions. Maderas and O'Neil have carried the burden of mound duties during most of the early season games, while Sinnott, Butler, and Mohr, sophomore sensation at second base, have been doing most of the heavy hitting for the Gaels.

Spartan Daily

March 5, 1940

Aubrey Minter is included in the starting lineup for the San Jose State College baseball team.

NOTICE

**Boy Scout Leadership group:
The following members must pay
their quarter to Chuck Johnson to-
day between 12:45 and 1:00 in
Room 24: John Allen, Wayne Bon-
ham, Robert Bryson, Ken Hogan,
Donald Macrae, Aubrey Minter,
Earl Paullus.**

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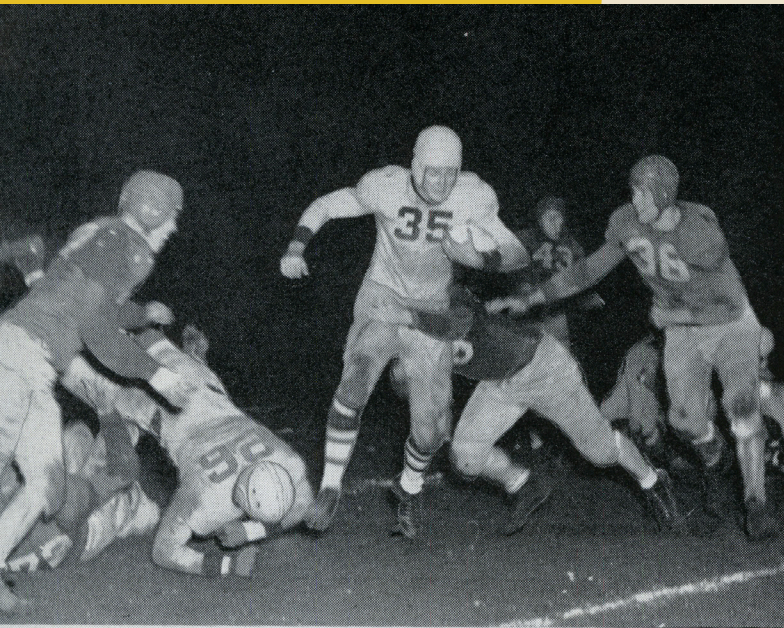
March 7, 1940

Aubrey Minter is listed among the members
of the Boy Scout Leadership group.



Football

The 1939 season marked San Jose's debut into "big time" football As a team the Spartans gained widespread recognition by defeating U.S.F. and a strong intersectional opponent, Drake University An official intercollegiate football statistical summary released by the American Football Statistical Bureau ranked the Spartans as the leading defensive team and the third highest in the nation on the basis of total team performances. Another national gridiron publication called San Jose the "team of the year." Individual stars on the Spartan eleven also came in for their share of the glory. Fullback Leroy Zimmerman was accorded all-coast and "Little All-American" honors and was selected to play in the East-West Shrine game. His showing in this contest was heralded as the outstanding performance of the day Tackles Bob Bronzan and Duke Tornell, Halfbacks Morris Manoogian and Aubrey Minter, Center Bob Titchenal, Ends Chuck Johnson and Johnny Allen, and Guard Ken Cook were other Spartans honored on mythical elevens For the first time in San Jose football history San Jose was given serious consideration to play in one of the nation's post-season "bowl" games.



Spartan "Little All-American" fullback Leroy Zimmerman (35) smashes through the center of the Willamette line for a five-yard gain with giant guard Don Presley (26) leading the interference.

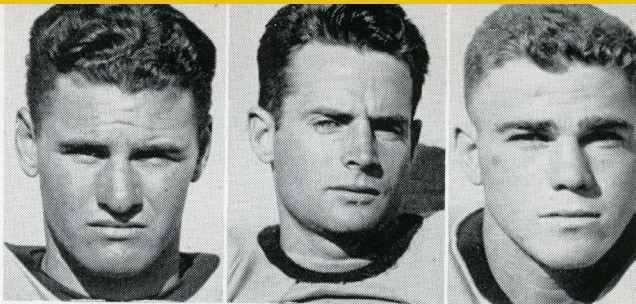


Determined-looking quarterback Jack Sarkisian (11) clears the way for a 16-yard gain around the Fresno left end by little Aubrey Minter (5), speedy left half.

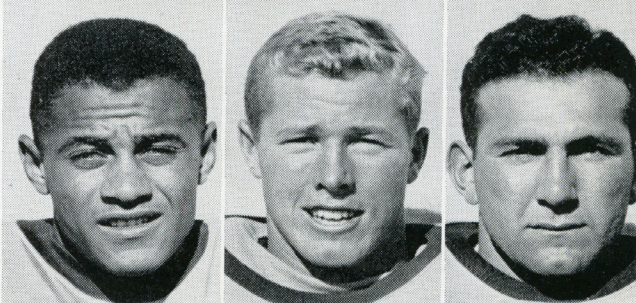


Fullback Dick Hubbell plows through a hole in the Drake line for six points. Captain Bob Titchenal (36) watches from the background after taking out his man.

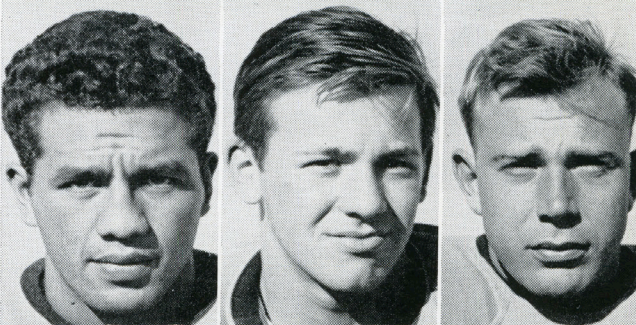
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J. Nelson



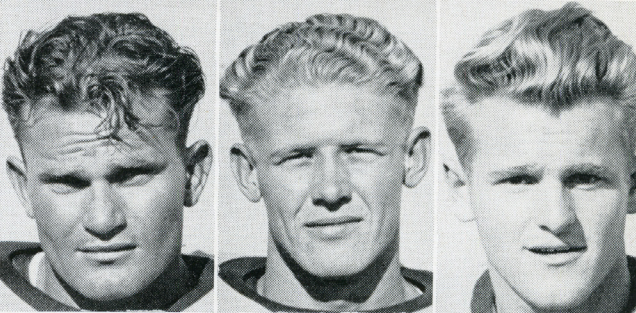
A. Minter
R. Titchenal
J. Sarkisian



D. Hubbell
S. Hansen
K. Johanson



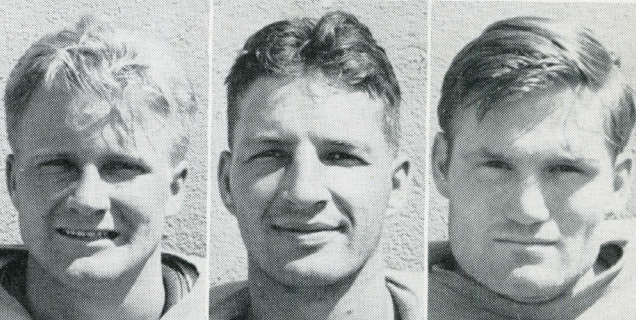
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B. Clement
T. Andrews



S. Miasnik
R. Hamill
W. Clark



C. Johnson
H. Buffa
D. Carmody



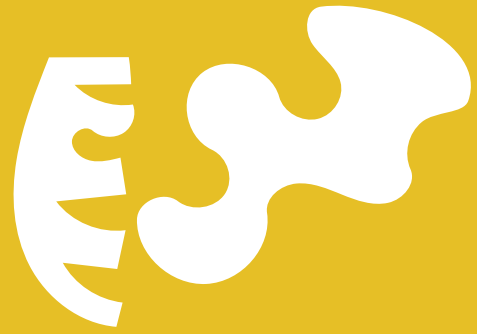
FRESNO



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Aubrey Minter is pictured as a member of the football team.



Shortstop Eddie Hunt encounters opposition at home from a Fresno man in the San Jose State vs. Fresno State series. Hunt failed to score against the rugged blocking of the Fresno catcher.

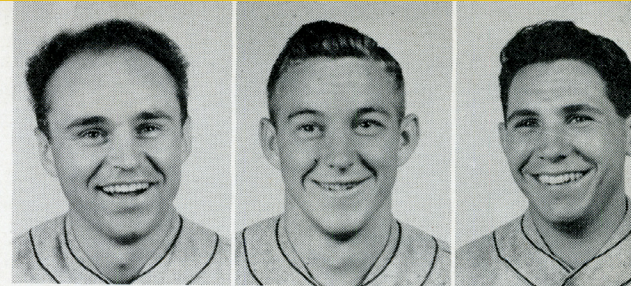


Captain-elect Bennie Frizzi hammers out a triple against Fresno. Frizzi led Spartan hitters with a .329 average for the season. The McPherson-coached squad split a doubleheader with Fresno.



Captain Harvey Rhodes, playing his last season for Sparta, nips Fresno runner at third base. Coming out of an early season slump, Rhodes hit his stride in the last four games of the season.

B. Frizzi
C. Stubenrauch
K. Boscacci



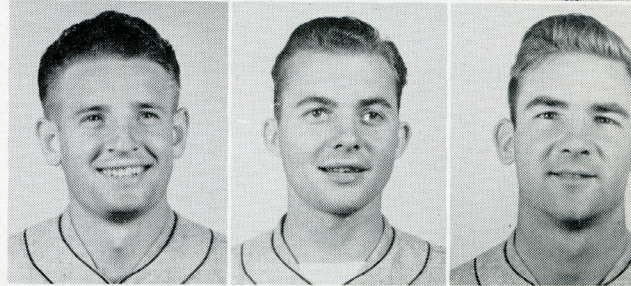
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M. Anello
F. Sanchez



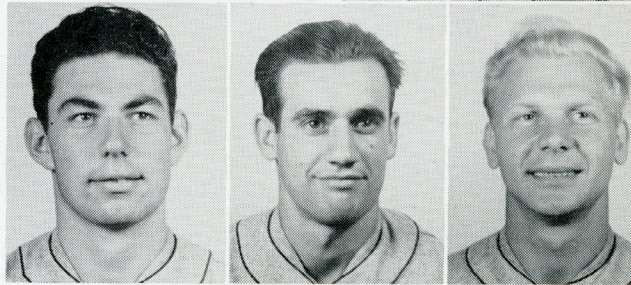
A. Minter
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J. Fancher



B. Duran
W. Gurnea
U. Tucker



I. Taggart
T. Nasimento
E. Kasparovitch



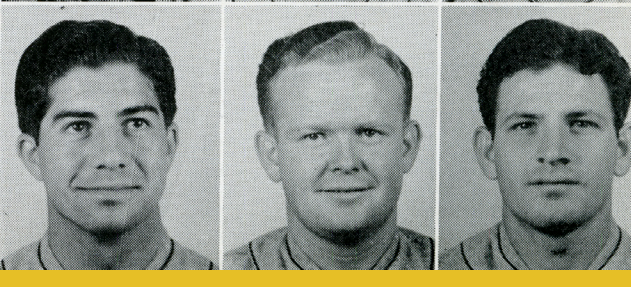
E. Hunt
G. Terry
H. Rhodes



C. Robinson
J. Onyett
R. Andrade



R. Cressio
G. Walsh
H. Gurich



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Aubrey Minter is pictured as a member of the baseball team.

SPARTA' SCOOTER



Aubrey "Mule" Minter

Although stymied by a combination of slick turf and a hefty Texas forward wall in Monday night's game, here's one of Sparta's mighty mites who is expected to do plenty of rambling from the left halfback post before the season is far advanced. Minter gave Monday night's crowd more than one thrill, despite the fact he was bottled up for most of the evening, once on 23 yard punt return, and again when he almost scooted for a touchdown after taking a pass from Fred Lindsay as the half ended. That play was good for 34 yards.

Spartan Daily

September 16, 1940

Aubrey Minter is pictured in his football uniform with a short description of his accomplishments in the most recent game.

Spartans Swamp Bobcats, 34-0

SAN JOSE RECORDS 24 FIRST DOWNS TO ONE FOR BEATEN MONTANA

Scooting Halfbacks Run Enemy Ends Ragged In Piling Up Big Yardage

Butte, Montana, Sept. 23—San Jose State college's Spartans went back to their high-scoring ways tonight as they buried Montana State's Bobcats under a 34 to 0 score before 5,000 fans.

The Spartans, rolling up their first win in two starts, were never threatened. They amassed nearly 400 yards from passes and scrimmage, chalking up 24 first downs as they shoved the Bobcats all over the Butte stadium sandlot.

Montana ended up with a net loss of 12 yards from scrimmage, and were able to make but one first down.

San Jose's first touchdown came with four minutes remaining in the first quarter, Tornell ramming over from the one yard line after a Spartan march of 85 yards. Little Aubrey Minter set up the score, going to the 3 yard line on a 10 yard double lateral from Tornell and Pursell. Captain Kenny Cook place-kicked the extra point.

NYGREN SCORES

A pass, Hubbell to Nygren, was good for 26 yards and the second San Jose score midway in the second period. Hubbell place-kicked the extra point to make it San Jose 14, Montana 0. Nygren featured this drive with a classy bit of running.

John Woofington sparked the

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WOOFINGTON, MINTER PLAY STARRING ROLES

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march to the third Spartan score early in the second half with runs of 28 and 19 yards. Ford traveled the final 8 yards over center standing up, with Wagner place-kicking the extra point to make it 21-0.

San Jose threatened continually during the final quarter, Pursell finally scoring with three minutes to play from the two yard line. Minter and Pursell did most of the ball packing to set up the score. Cook place-kicked the extra point to bring San Jose's total to 28.

San Jose had to score three times to make one of their touchdowns stick during the final moments of the game. Two passes from Tornell to Minter, and one from Tornell to Wenberg placed the ball on the Montana 5 yard line. Minter crossed the goal line

first on a 5 yard dash over the right side. An offside penalty nullified the play.

MINTER SCOOTs

Next Pursell took a pass from Tornell, but the referee ruled he caught the ball out of the playing field. Minter made it stick a few moments later on a 6 yard sprint around the right side. Cook's place-kick for the extra point was blocked.

San Jose's scooting halfbacks, Minter, Woofington, Costello, Nygren and Pursell rolled up most of San Jose's yardage as they ran the enemy ends ragged on sweeping Warner reverses.

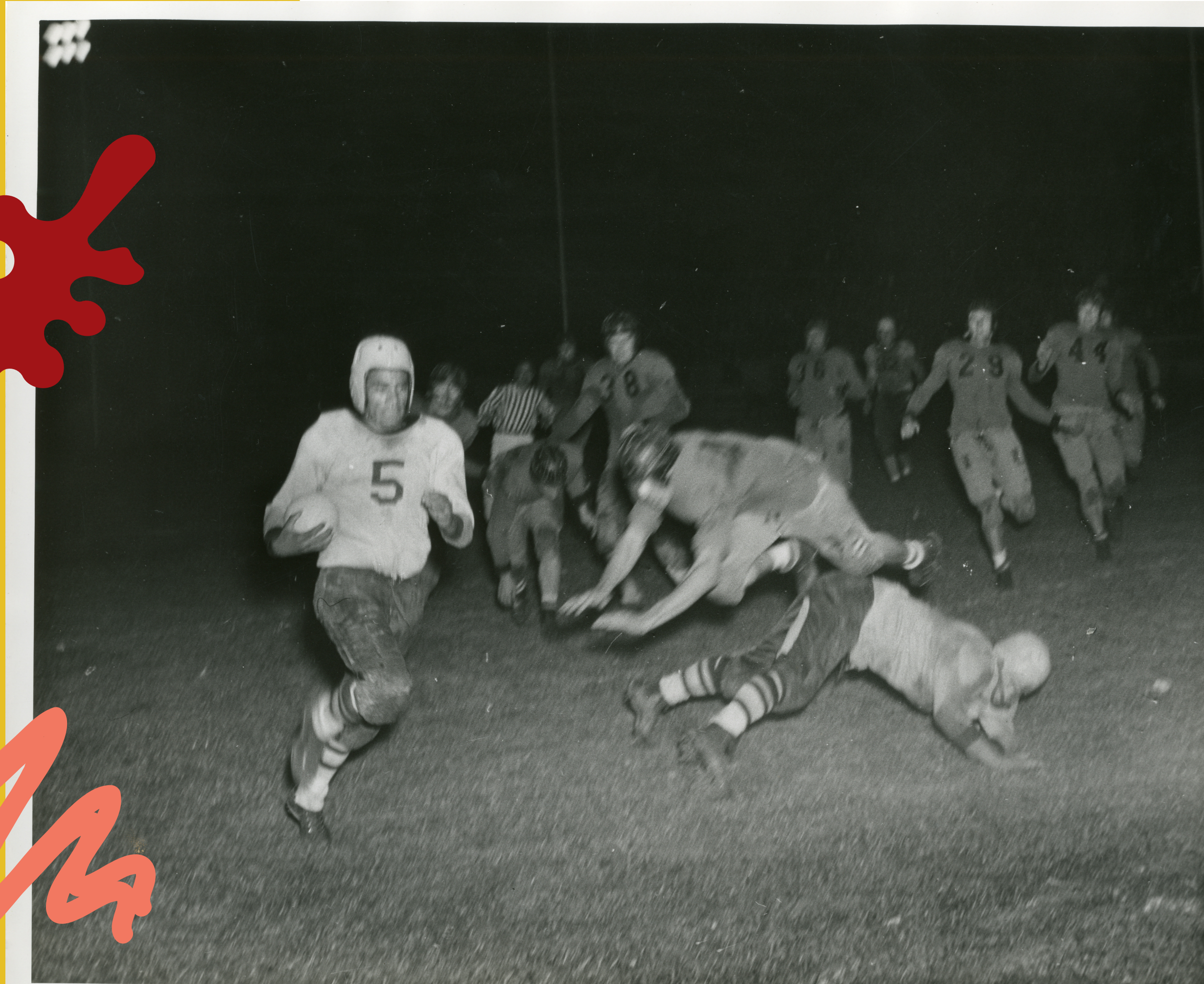
In the line, Ends Allen and Wenberg played bang-up games for State.

San Jose takes off tomorrow morning for Logan, Utah, pointing for victory over the Utah State Aggies.

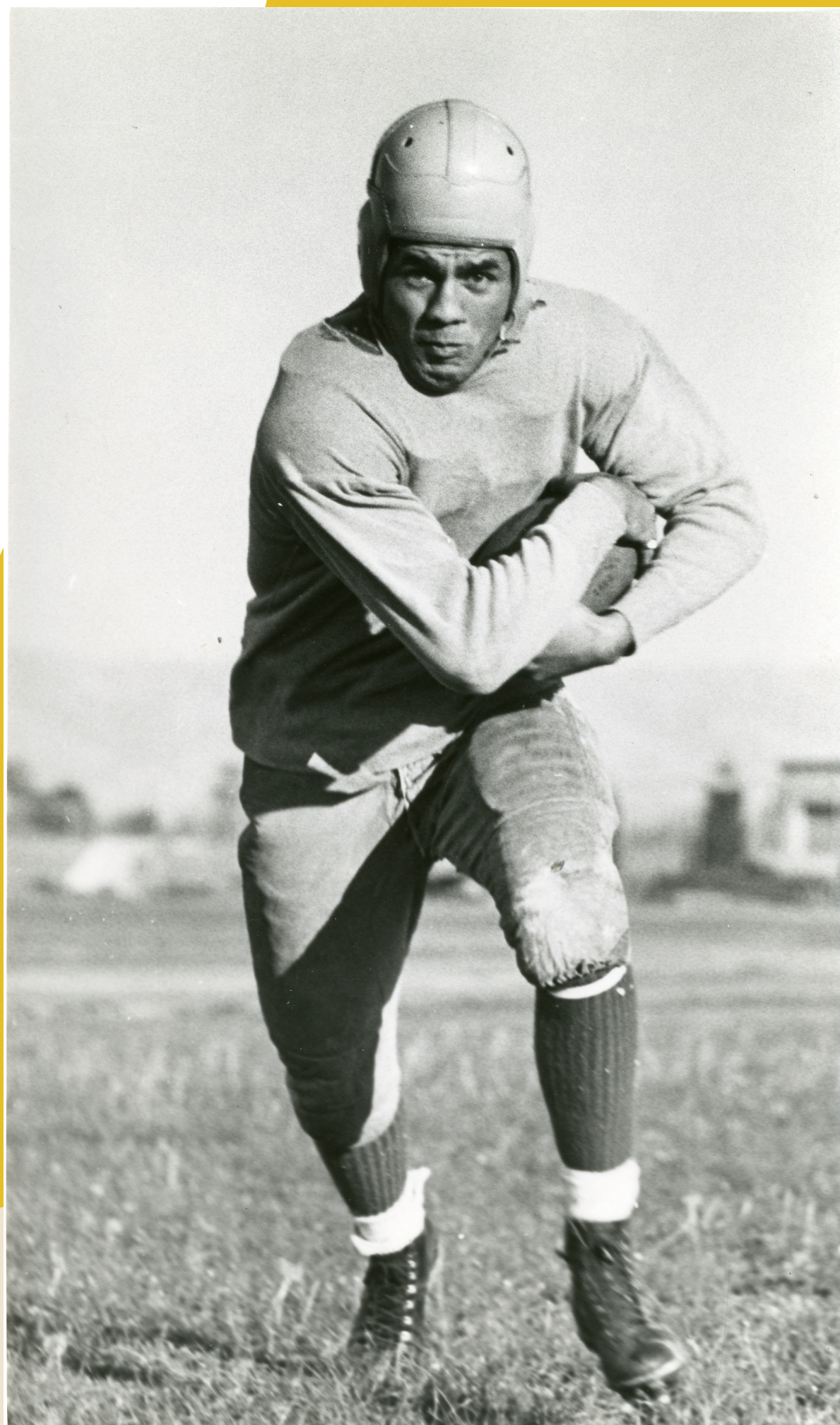
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September 24, 1940

Aubrey Minter plays a "starring" role in a football game against Montana State University.



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Behind effective blocking, scooter Aubrey Minter starts for the races with Texas A & I men in pursuit. Minter managed to go for 12 yards before being dropped.

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1941

Aubrey Minter is pictured in action in a football game against Texas A&I.



La Torre Yearbook

1941

Aubrey Minter is pictured as a member of the football team.

SPARTANS HELD BY SOLDIERS

SCORE LATE IN FOURTH QUARTER TO GAIN TIE WITH FORT ORD

By WILBUR AGEE

The Golden Raiders of San Jose State college met their equal in Spartan stadium Friday night at the hands of a rugged Fort Ord eleven, managing to just hold their own and remain undefeated by coming from behind in the fourth quarter to knot the score at 6-6.

It was little but tough 170-pound Aubrey "Mule" Minter, left half

for the Spartans, who came through with a brilliant nine-yard run after taking a wide pass from Fullback Allen Hardisty, to pay dirt, despite the fact that three Fort Ord players were hanging on. Fred Lindsey, who was injured at the close of the half, was sent in to make the conversion but the big Soldier line crashed through to block the attempt.

Fort Ord won the toss and elected to kick off, which was taken by "Mule" Minter on the 10-yard line and carried back 18 yards to the 28-yard line. After two plays, which gained nothing, Lindsay kicked into Soldier territory.

On the first play, Louis Davis passed to left end John Johnson for 20 yards with Minter stopping the play after it got by the other State secondaries. Pete Zagar, towering Fort Ord fullback, went for another first down on the next play, again being stopped by Minter in the secondary.

SPARTANS ROLL

San Jose then took over on downs and with an exchange on a fumble and a pass interception began to roll. Minter went for nine yards with Lindsay making it a first down in a lunge plunge. Hard hitting halfback Bert Robinson then galloped around left end for 24 yards for another first down and on the very next play picked up another seven yards. Lindsey again found a hole in the Fort Ord line and plowed to another first down, picking up 15 yards.

However, the Ord eleven took over at the end of the first quarter on a kick into the end zone after the Spartan drive had been stopped.

The Spartans came back fast, however, and took over on a punt. On the first play, Minter streaked around right end for 23 yards. Lindsey on three line-plunges made another first down. Minter picked up seven but the Ord eleven held and Lindsey kicked out of bounds on the five-yard line.

From then on it was a seesaw battle with both teams punting out

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Aubrey Minter demonstrates his skills in a tough football game against Fort Ord.

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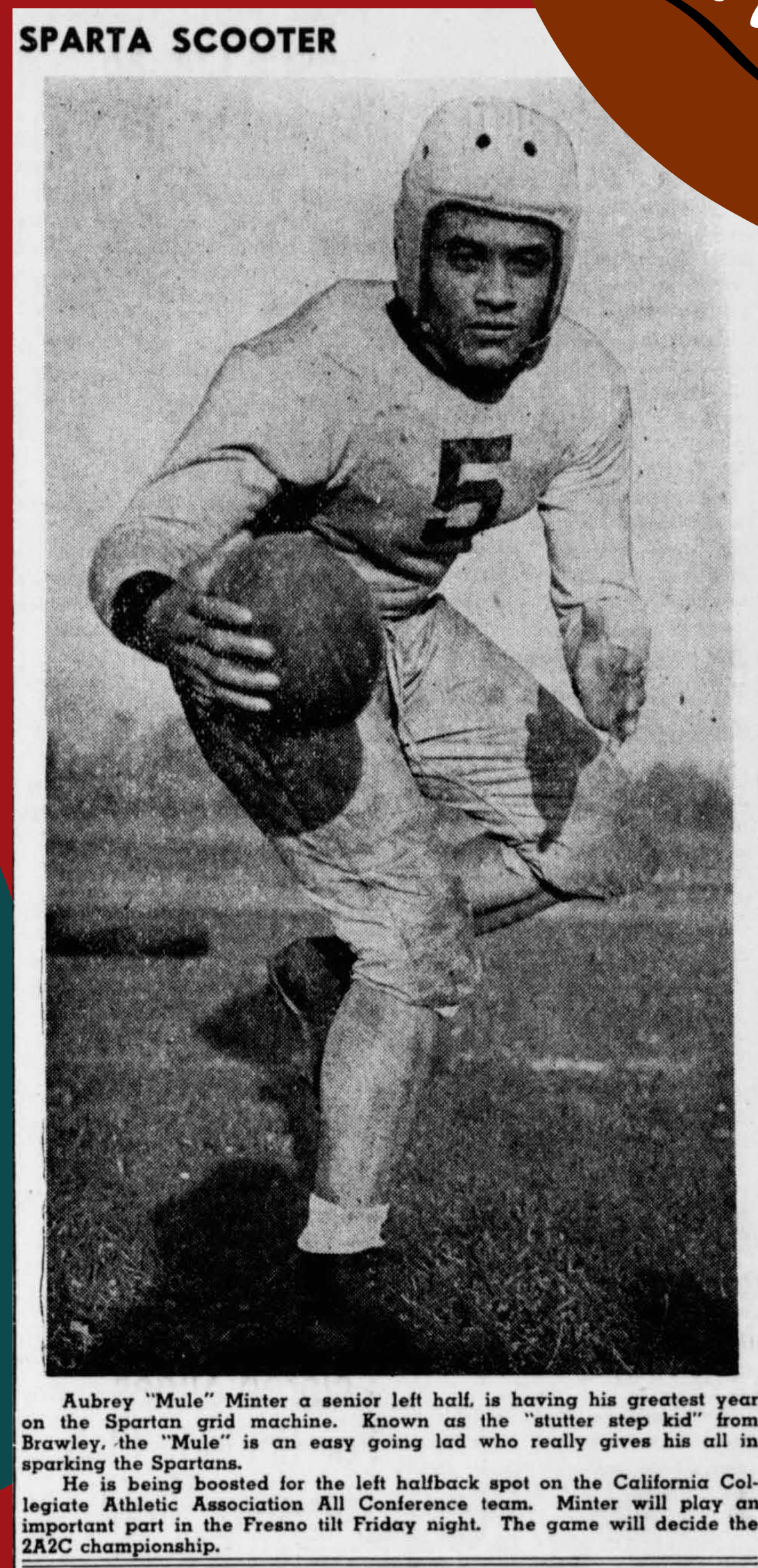
**By
"SCRAPPY" SQUATRITO**

In his three years as a Spartan football player, little **Aubrey Minter** has been seen in action by his parents only once. That was two weeks ago when the Golden Raiders met San Diego State in San Diego. Minter has two brothers playing on the Brawley high school team at the present time.

Spartan Daily

October 22, 1941

While Aubrey Minter continues to excel in sports at San Jose State College, his family rarely gets to see him play.



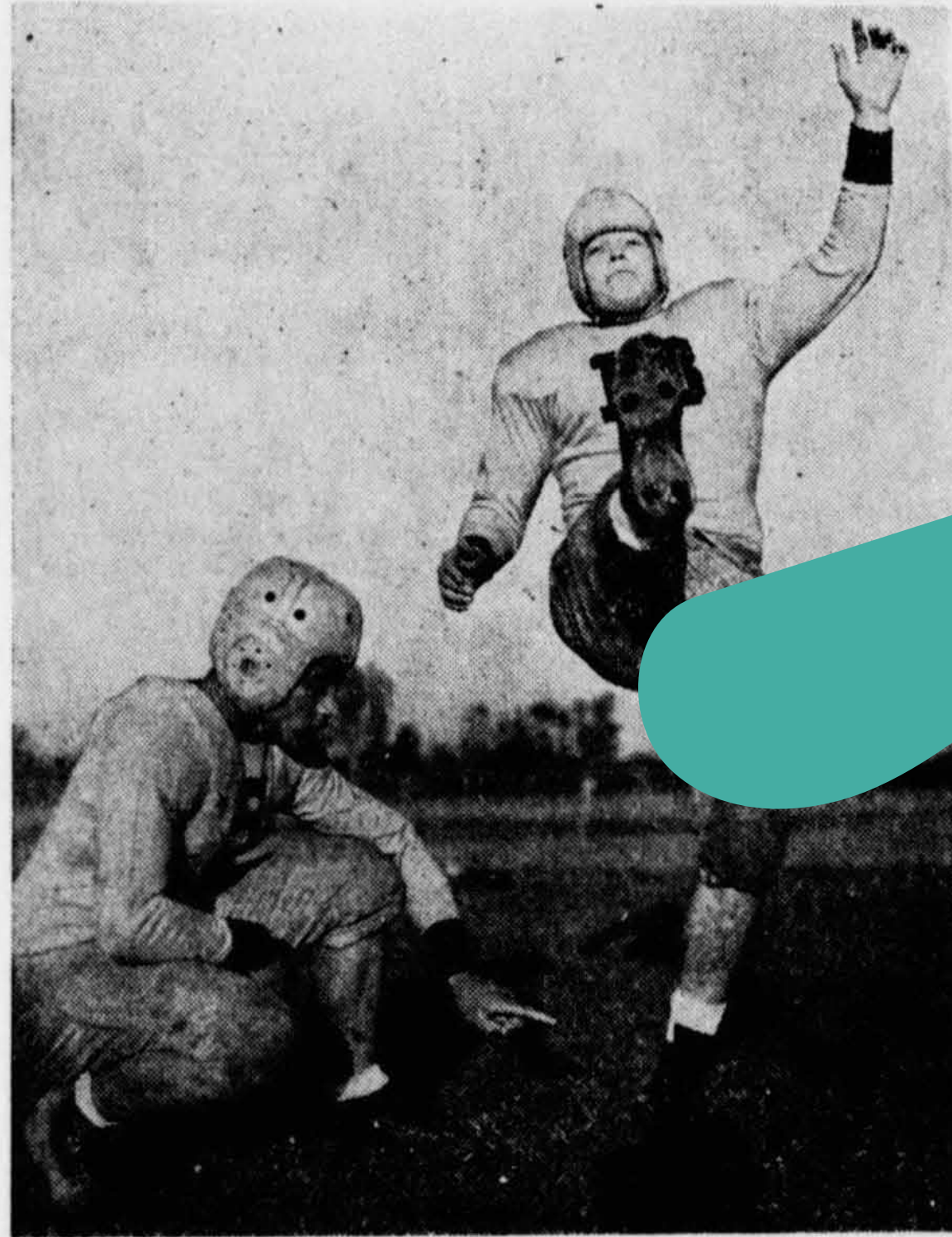
Spartan Daily

November 10, 1941

The picture of Aubrey Minter posing with a football is showcased again, this time with a short description of his skills and future prospects.

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SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA, MONDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 1941



Pictured above are Aubrey Minter and ex-Spartan captain Kenny Cook. This combination of Minter, holding, and Cook, kicking accounted for many game winning points after touchdown and field goals in the past two years.

Both will be in action when the Moffet Field Flyers meet the Spartans Wednesday night, but Cook will be on the Soldier squad and Minter will be on the Collegiate team.

Spartan Daily

November 24, 1941

Aubrey Minter is pictured positioning a football for a kick by the team captain.

Aubrey Minter On Top In Running; Passers Good

With two games yet to play, Aubrey "Mule" Minter, who ends his football career this year, leads the Spartan backs in yardage average, according to statistics compiled after the Moffett Field game.

Minter has carried the ball 67 times for a net yardage gain of 315. Minter has averaged 4.7 yards per try, slightly below his last-year mark.

Spartan Daily

December 3, 1941

Towards the end of his time playing at San Jose State College, Aubrey Minter was leading his teammates in average yardage.

Golden Raiders

STRANDED FOOTBALLERS STILL UNREPORTED IN HAWAIIAN ISLANDS

With all lines of communication cut from the Hawaiian Islands to the United States, no word has been heard of the San Jose State college football team stranded in Honolulu since the first bombing of the Islands Sunday.

It has been rumored that the team is safe and has been assigned to police duty in downtown areas of Honolulu. No reports could be confirmed.

Included in the party which left San Francisco for the Islands on November 27 are Coach Ben Win-

kelman, Football Manager "Scrap-
py" Squatrito, Head Yell Leader
Tom Taylor, Mrs. Ed Wenberg, Lt.
Dorsey, Bob McGaveren and foot-
ball players Bill Donnelly, Ed Wen-
berg, Gene Kasparovitch.

**Jack Galvin, Bob Hamill, Gray
McConnell, John Brown, Walt
Meyer, Ken Stanger, Don Allen,
Hans Weidenhoffer, Ken Bailey,
Charles Cook, Wilbur Wool, Au-
brey Minter, Bert Robinson, Bill
Rhyne, George Foote, Paul Tog-
netti, Jack Lecari, Frank Minnini,
Fred Lindsey, Allen Hardisty, Chet
Carsten, and Verne Cartwright.**

Spartan Daily

December 10, 1941

Aubrey Minter was among the football players in Honolulu for a game during the attack on Pearl Harbor.

Four Spartan Grid Members Receive All-Coast Honors

Allan Hardisty, Fred Lindsey and Captain Bob Hamill were chosen on the first annual "Little All-Coast" team from reports of sports writers, coaches and scouts and compiled by Ty Cobb, sports editor of the Reno Journal.

All three failed to make the first team but were placed on the second team. Lindsey was named the fullback, Hamill received a tackle spot, and Hardisty was shifted to a halfback spot.

Aubrey Minter, Spartan halfback, was given honorable mention.

The group picked three teams, composed of players from all the west coast schools not rated among the major schools on the coast.

Spartan Daily

December 11, 1941

Aubrey Minter is given honorable mention in the announcement of the Little All-Coast football team.

STUDENT COUNCIL VOTES 23 LETTERS TO FOOTBALL TEAM

Only 9 Lettermen Now In School; 18 Other Players Given Service Honors

With final approval voted by the Student Council at its last meeting, 23 members of last season's football squad are now eligible to receive their letterman sweaters. Eighteen other players were awarded service honors.

Of the 23 men receiving sweaters, only 9 are in school at the present time. The service award list contains 12 names

of men still in school. Bert Robinson is the only first stringer that is in school at the present time.

As of yesterday, 19 men are already definitely lost for next season's schedule. Co-captains Ed Wenberg and Bob Hamill, along with Aubrey Minter, were the only three-time sweater winners; while Wilbur Wool, Kenneth Stanger, Kenneth Bailey, Don Allen, Gray McConnell, Bill Donnelly, and Fred Lindsey were two-time winners.

Charles Cook, Hans Wiedenhofer, John Brown, Jack Galvin, Paul Tognetti, Frank Minini, Bill Rhyne, Bert Robinson, Chet Carsten, and Allen Hardisty were the sophomore stars.

Varsity Honors

Wilbur Wool, Charles Cook, Kenneth Stanger, Kenneth Bailey, Hans Wiedenhofer, Don Allen, Gray McConnell, Bob Hamill, John Brown, Ed Wenberg, Jack Galvin, Bill Donnelly, Gene Kasparovitch, Paul Tognetti, Frank Minini, Jack Lercari, Bill Rhyne, Bert Robinson, Fred Lindsey, Chester Carsten, Allen Hardisty, Aubrey Minter and Stu Carter.

Service Honors

Henry Antognani, Charles Boster, Vernon Cartwright, John Dahl, John Desalernos, John Evans, George Foote, Woodrow Gibson, Elwyn Hunt, Jack Kemper, Ernest Luke, Walter Meyer, Mike Slepnikoff, Earl Straub, Darrell Swagerty, Floyd Wheat, Ernie Bordagaray and Knute Pederson.

Senior manager, Sebastian "Scrappy" Squatrito; sophomores, Frank Valenti, Angelo Colombo, Bob Troppman, Marvin Sheets.

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January 15, 1942

Aubrey Minter is listed among Varsity players to receive letters in football.



These Utah men failed to reach high enough to stop this kick for extra point. Lindsey is kicking, Minter is holding and Lercari blocks a Utah end.



Aubrey Minter registers amusement as a Hardin Simmons end goes into action. Fleet-footed Minter is running back a punt for a ten-yard gain.



Versatile Aubrey Minter (23) finds a small opening in the University of San Francisco line and picks up three yards on the play.

La Torre Yearbook

1942

Aubrey Minter is pictured in action on the San Jose State College football team.

Looking back at 'gold era'

Alumni remember football of the 1930s

By Doris Kramer-Ferreira

Daily staff writer

Fans at Spartan Stadium Saturday celebrated the golden anniversary of an era in SJSU football that set the standards for all future Spartans to follow.

The years 1932-1939 were the years of the "perfect team", and more than 60 former players along with numerous other proud alumni came back to SJSU to reminisce about the most successful football team in Spartan history.

Special recognition was given in particular to the 1939 team that went undefeated and untied with a 13-0 record and scored a season total of 324 points while holding all 13 of its opponents to a paltry 38 points.

According to alumnus Jesse Murrey-Griffen, who traveled to SJSU from Citrus Heights, at least 100 alumni "survived" the 50 years and made it back for the reunion.

"The team of 1939 had the highest scoring team in the nation," said Griffen. "We actually went to 'a bowl game' that year."

That was the third consecutive year that the Spartan team had been ranked as the nation's high scorer.

The 1939 team's Glenn "Pop" Warner came out of retirement to devise an unstoppable offense for head coach Dudley DeGroot.

The plan allowed SJSU to flatten 13 opponents, according to San Jose State University Football Magazine.

This "wonder team" included fullback Leroy Zimmerman, halfback Herman Zetterquist, Morris Manoogian, Aubrey Minter, Howard Costello and Hugh Staley. All gaining yardage under the Warner strategy, the magazine reported.

In addition to participating in the Spartan's homecoming celebration, the golden alumni will also visit the campus and dine together after the game in the Faculty Cafeteria, Griffen said.

Spartan Daily

October 30, 1989

San José State University celebrates the golden anniversary of the "wonder team" that included Aubrey Minter.

