

1965 ACHS FOOTBALL TEAM

Coaching Staff:

Tom Berry, Head Coach
 John Seal
 Gerald Thomas
 Don Thompson

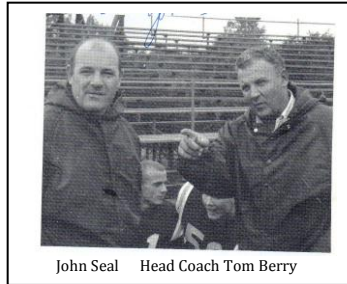
Team Members:

Ronnie Meeks, Co-captain, QB
 Lloyd Martin, Co-captain, OL/DL

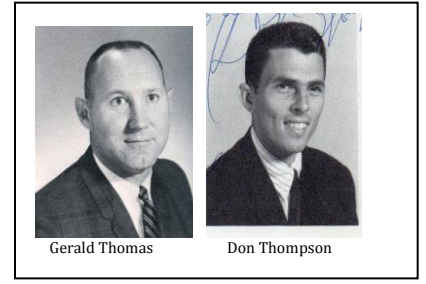
Bobby Beach, OL
 Johnnie Brockman, G
 Paul Bryant, G
 Scott Bryant, C
 Ronnie Burch, E
 Clyde Campbell, G
 Warren Campbell, E
 Melvin "Bebop" Carter, G
 Johnny Cash, E
 Sherry Day, OL/DL
 Danny English, HB
 Wayne Hartless, E
 Ryland Hunt, OL/DL
 G.V. Hunter, HB
 Glen Lang, HB
 Gary Maddox, T
 Jimmy Maddox, HB
 Herbert Maddox, C
 Craig Martin, T
 Carl Mays, E
 Larry Mays, E
 John McConaghy, FB
 Donnie Morris, G
 Phillip Morris, E
 Norman Moses, HB
 Daniel Peters, D
 Jerry Roberts, T
 Freddy Sale, DE
 Dee Staton, FB
 Roger Thacker, C
 John Thompson, G
 Donnie Wilkerson, HB
 Nowlin Wingfield, DB

Managers:

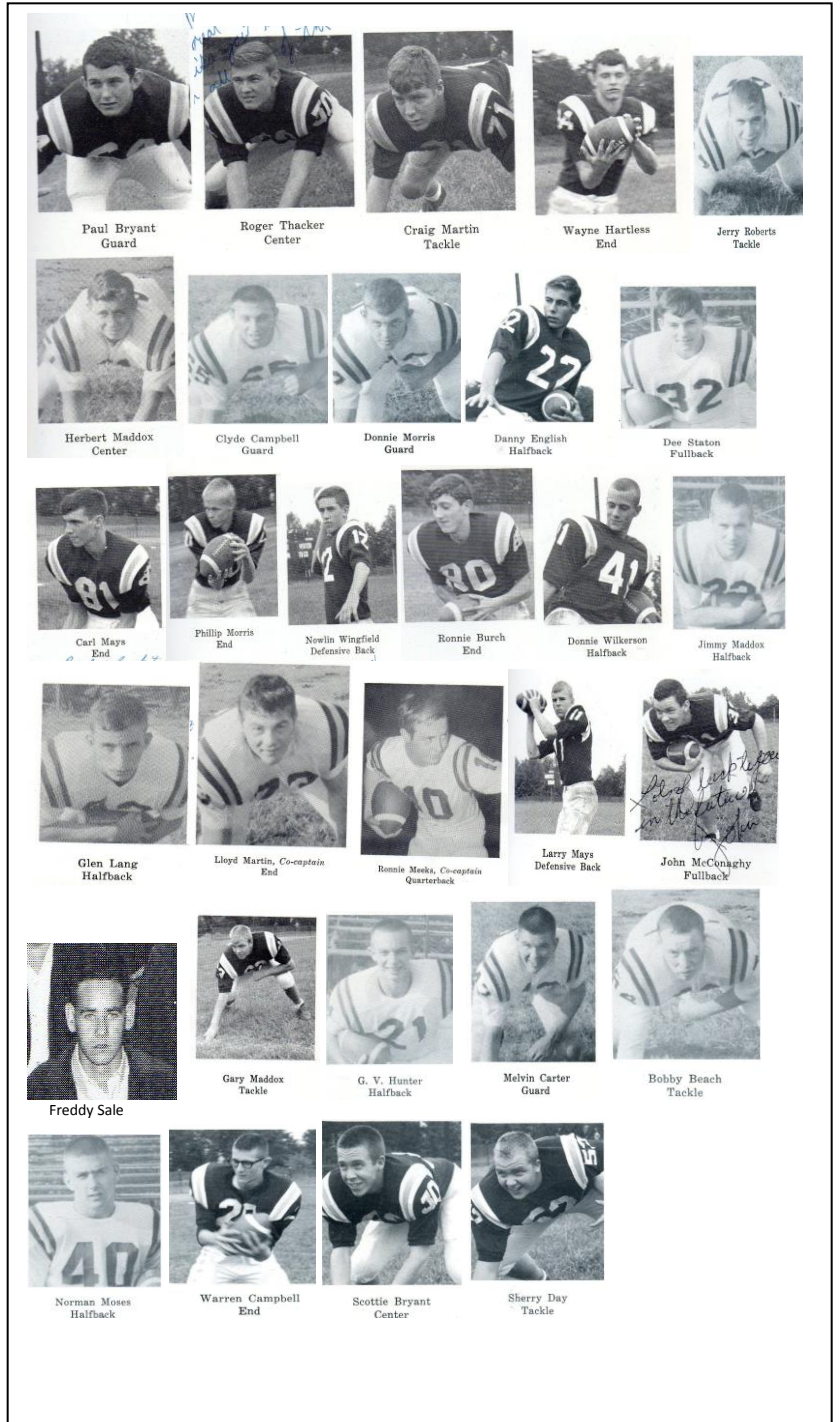
Jerry Woodson
 William Douty



John Seal Head Coach Tom Berry

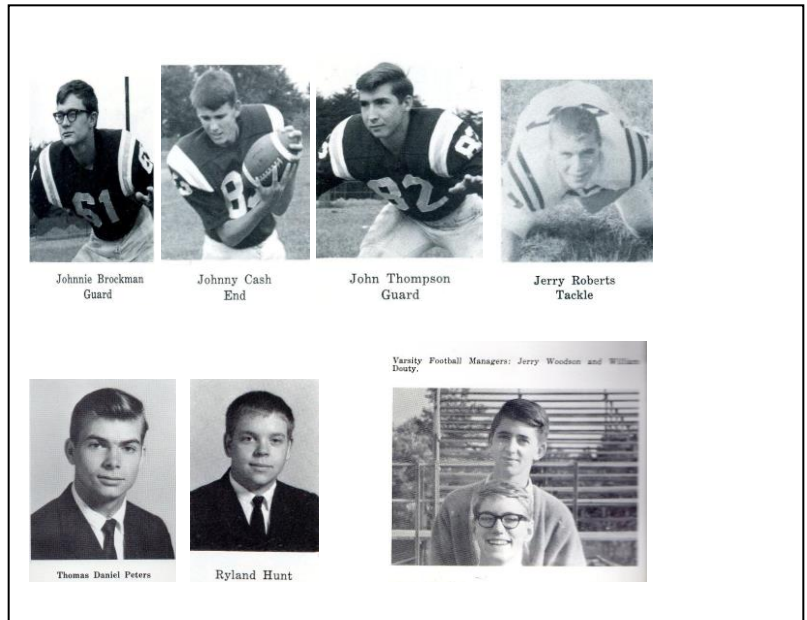


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1965 Season

Amherst 7	William Campbell 6
Amherst 12	Appomattox 7
Amherst 12	Brookville 12
Amherst 25	Tunstall 7
Amherst 59	Dan River 0
Amherst 27	Rustburg 0
Amherst 26	Natural Bridge 7
Amherst 52	Staunton River 13
Amherst 33	Gretna 7
Amherst 13	Nelson 12



The first district championship in any sport for young Amherst County High School, founded in 1956, came in exciting fashion in the fall of 1965, when the football team, led by head coach Tom Berry, won the title in Group 2, District 4, later known as the Seminole District. The 10-game schedule resulted in a 9-0-1 record, with several close games.

Coach Berry had scheduled a scrimmage against E.C. Glass prior to the season. This particular team would go on to an undefeated season in the higher classification, and featured at least one future professional.

The first district game served as a positive sign for the way the season would develop. Trailing William Campbell High School 6-0 late in the game, QB Ronnie Meeks completed a 25-yard touchdown pass on fourth down to Norman Moses with 1:30 left in the game. The point-after-touchdown was scored by Glen Lang, establishing the final margin of victory in the 7-6 win.

After another close game against Appomattox, followed by a tie with Brookville, Amherst recorded decisive victories against the rest of the district, setting the stage for the final game against archrival Nelson. With an overflow crowd encircling the field, Nelson was led by legendary coach Sherman League.

Nelson took a 6-0 lead into the third quarter. Amherst then scored on a touchdown and extra point by Norman Moses. The 7-6 lead was short-lived, however, with Nelson running the kickoff back to take a 12-7 lead. Once gain, Meeks and Moses combined for fourth down heroics late in the game, with a touchdown pass to account for the final score of 13-12, and the first ever district championship for Amherst County High School.

From this team emerged several individual Amherst Hall of Fame players and coaches, as the foundation had been laid for future success – numerous district titles, regional contenders, and state championships.