

## 1944

**RECORD:** 9-1  
**COACH:** Charlie Bevis

**CONFERENCE :** 6-1 (**CHAMPIONS**)

### SOUTH FLORIDA CONFERENCE

Arcadia	Punta Gorda
Bartow	Sarasota
Bradenton	Tampa-Jesuit
Fort Myers	Wauchula
Palmetto	Winter Haven

	F.M.	21	Haines City-F.M.A.	0
	F.M.	21	Bradenton	7
	F.M.	14	Fort Lauderdale	12
	F.M.	14	Palmetto	0
	F.M.	14	Tampa-Jesuit	7
	F.M.	7	Bartow	18
	F.M.	42	Arcadia	6
	F.M.	47	Punta Gorda	12
	F.M.	27	Sarasota	6
Small-Conference Championship	F.M.	28	Leesburg	13

**F.M.-PTS (AVG)** 235 (23.5)

**F.M.-PTS (AVG)** 81 (8.1)

**CAPTAINS:** Morgan House and Soup Campbell

**LEADING SCORERS:** Morgan House 13 TDS, Billy Griffin 6 TDS, Charlie Waugh 5 TDS

**LEADING RUSHER:** Morgan House 782 YDS

**LEADING PASSER:** Soup Campbell 771 YDS

**LEADING RECEIVER:** Boney Middleton 25-514 YDS

### AWARDS, FACTS, HIGHLIGHTS, AND HONORS

Won South Florida Conference Championship and were awarded the Bradenton Rotary Club Trophy symbolic of the champion.

Defeated the North Central Conference Champions, Leesburg, 28-13, in a post-season game known as the Small Conference Championship. The team established the total offensive record with 3046 YDS, which would last 42 seasons until 1986.

This team established a single season passing record of 836 YDS which would stand up for 26 seasons until 1971 (1094).

This team also established a single game passing record of 224 yards (vs Tampa-Jesuit) which would not be broken for 44 seasons until 1989 (Hardee County 226).

Soup Campbell established 8 passing records! most career completions (47), most career yards (801). These records would last for 12 seasons. most completions in a season (44), most yards in a season

(771). The completions and yardage marks would last for 26 and 27 years (E. Peres 59-1970) and (Ibach 1094-1971). Against Tampa-Jesuit "Soup" completed 10 of 12 aerals for 209 yards including 9 in a row. The completion and yardage marks would not be erased until Ed Peres in 1968 and 1969. F Against Punta Gorda he threw 3 touchdown passes which tied a school record shared by 8 other quarterbacks in 12 different games.

Soup Campbell had another claim to fame, vs Arcadia he took a punt 105 yards for a touchdown. This is the record for the longest punt return.

Boney Middleton established career receiving marks: receptions (35), yards (714). The yardage would stand up for 30 seasons (Powell 1974). He also established season records for receptions (25) and yards (514).His 8 catches vs Tampa-Jesuit also established a record; 26 seasons later against Bradenton-Manatee Darryl Blackburn would catch 9 balls to eclipse it.

Boney Middleton (E) 1st Team All-Conference and Captain,  
**1st Team All-State**

Aubrey Rogers (T) 1st Team All-Conference  
**2nd Team All-State**

Morgan House (FB) 1st Team All-Conference  
**H.M. All-State**

Soup Campbell (HB) 2nd Team All-Conference  
**H.M. All-State**

Curt Boyette (T) 1st Team All-Conference

Morgan House is voted Outstanding Greenie by his teammates. He won the First Annual Award which was originally donated by Graydon Jones.