

## 1956

**RECORD:** 8-0-2

**CONFERENCE:** None

**COACH:** Jock Sutherland

F.M.	38	St. Petersburg-Boca Ciega	7
F.M.	13	Daytona-Mainland	13
F.M.	32	Arcadia	12
F.M.	26	Dade City	0
F.M.	19	Miami Tech	0
F.M.	14	Winter Haven	0
F.M.	26	Wauchula	26
F.M.	75	Tampa-Jesuit	0
F.M.	40	Sarasota	7
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Post-Season	F.M. 14	Greenwood, S.C.	13

**F.M.-PTS (AVG)** 297 (29.7)

**OPP.-PTS (AVG)** 78 ( 7.8)

**CAPTAINS:** Lamar Payne, Frank Land-Co, Ken Sushill-Co

**LEADING SCORERS:** Lamar Payne 12 TDS, Hardy Lee, Allen 7 TDS,  
Darryl Guthrie 5 TDS, Sheldon Hunter 5 TDS, Frank Land 4 TDS

**LEADING RUSHER:** Lamar Payne 908 YDS

**LEADING PASSER:** Darryl Guthrie 489 YDS

**LEADER RECEIVER:** Frank Land 20-318 YDS

### AWARDS, FACTS, HIGHLIGHTS, AND HONORS

Fort Myers finished 1956 undefeated (8-0-2) and over two seasons played 17 consecutive games without a loss.

Ranked 9th in the State Poll

In a post season game, defeated the 6th ranked school in S.C. (Greenwood) (6-3-2) 14-13.

The team set season records for rushing (2339), and total offense (3170)

The team set a record with 6 return touchdowns

Darryl Guthrie set passing records for career completions (60) and career yards (1029).

Harry Lee Allen set the standard for kickoff return touchdowns in a season and career with (3)

Lamar Payne led the team in rushing for the second consecutive season and finished his career with 1637 YDS and 27 career TDS. His 5 punt return TDS and his 843 career return yards set school records.

Lamar Payne           (HB)   **1st Team All-State**

Everett Bennett       (C)    **1st Team All-State**

Lamar Payne was voted Outstanding Greenie.