



Don Johns, '49, won 15 major sport letters

Don Johns earned an amazing 15 monograms in his years at AMA – letters in football, baseball, basketball, track and swimming.

In the 1949 *Recall*, he was voted the best athlete and the Augusta Military Academy cadet with the best build.



Don used that tough body on the football field to carry the ball through tough defenses, to kick extra points and even to pass on occasion.

Don starred in both of AMA's appearances in the Orchid Bowl to determine the National Prep School Champion. In 1947, Don and his teammates beat McCallie School 27-13 for the title and in 1948, AMA trounced Excelsior High School of Missouri 55-6.

Against Excelsior, Don scored one TD on a 34 yard scamper which ended when he dragged a would be tackler for the last ten yards across the goal line. In his last season, Don Johns either ran or threw for a touchdown in every game!



Don Johns, center, with Head Coach Buck Chapman, left, and Assistant Coach Clint Bales, right, 1949

He played basketball and was the team captain his senior year. He also was co-captain of the football team, played baseball, took part in track meets and was a star diver on the AMA swim team.

Don Johns was a member of the Honor Committee and on graduation day, **Colonel Roller** welcomed him into the *Ad Astra per Aspera* society.

