

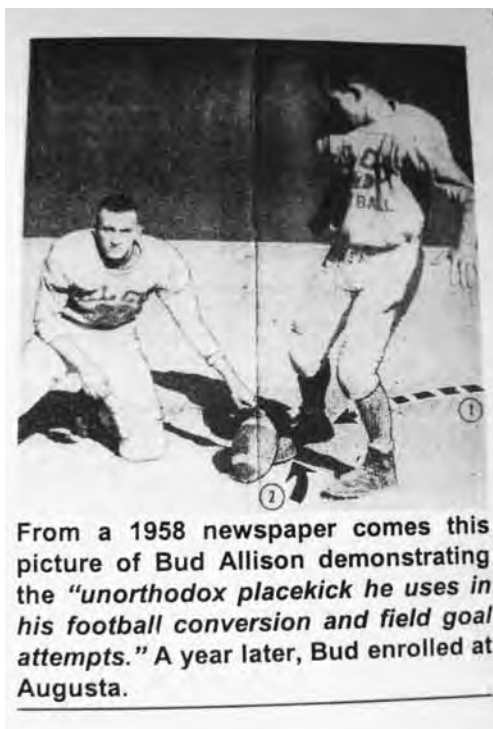


Bud Allison, '60, was pioneer of the soccer style football kick

Frank Williamson, '60, had the honor of inducting into the AMA Sports Hall of Fame a classmate with whom he played football at AMA.



He is Harold 'Bud' Allison from the AMA Class of 1960.



From a 1958 newspaper comes this picture of Bud Allison demonstrating the "unorthodox placekick he uses in his football conversion and field goal attempts." A year later, Bud enrolled at Augusta.

How many times in the past half century have you seen a pro, college or even a high school player make a straight-on kick for a field goal or extra point?

They universally use the soccer kick which were called "sidewinders" in the early days. You would have to go back to 1958 to Alleghany High School in Cumberland, Maryland where Bud Allison pioneered this kicking style.

Bud had played soccer at another school but Alleghany didn't have a soccer team So, he went out for football and began kicking soccer style. And the rest is history.

By the time he had finished his senior year at AMA, Bud's soccer style kicking was picked up by more and more schools.

Coach Bill Ralph said Bud also was a great half-back who had really fast feet. The opposition never knew if he was going to quick kick or take off running.

Bud set many military school marks in his career kicking a record 47 yard field goal against Rock Hill Academy. We welcome Bud Allison from the Class of 1960 into the AMA Sports Hall of Fame.

