

*In Honor Of The Vernon Lions Football Team :
Louisiana Interscholastic Athletic and Literary Organization
State Champs 1963, 1967 and 1968*

Head Coach: Foster Thomas



Lions Are 'A' Champs

The Vernon High School Lions defeated Goodpine High School of Trout 26-0 to win their second state championship in five years.

The Thursday night game brought the Class 'A' football competition to a close for 1967.

Already coach Thomas is looking forward to next year.

"We only have two seniors," he grins, and our freshman crew showed a lot of promise this year.

Goodpine won the coin toss and commenced to make it look like a ball game. The Lions defense finally rose up and halted them at the Vernon 29.

Goodpine stayed in control most of the first quarter, but the second stanza was all Vernon as the classy Lions banged over three touchdowns.

I. T. Grant ran 15 yards for one score and Marvin Foster tallied on a five yard jaunt. Cal-

vin Lewis, a 9.8 sprinter broke loose following Foster's score and zipped 41 yards to score the third TD of the quarter.

Louis Smith kicked one extra point.

Vernon wrapped up the scoring by shoving over a third period touchdown.

The Leesville team finished the season with a record of 8-0-1. In those nine games, Vernon compiled 362 points to 44 by opponents.

In junior halfback Calvin Wilson, the Lions have a seemingly sure-fire all-state candidate.

In the playoffs alone, Wilson scored six touchdowns, picked up 14 first downs, rushed for 391 yards, caught six passes for 127 and returned three intercepted passes for 63 yards. He also averaged 19.3 yards on punt returns.

This week at Vernon, the boys aren't resting on their news clippings—they all showed up Friday for basketball practice.

1963-64 Class A
Louisiana State Football Champions
Vernon High School Lions



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Champs



MURPHY FISHER
Defensive Coach



FOSTER THOMAS
Head Coach



SAMUEL HURSH
Offensive Coach



JOSEPH DEAMER
Defensive Coach