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## FEATURE STORY

### THE LEGEND OF L. G.

Four years, thirty-six games, twenty-eight victories, two conference championships, one Hoffman trophy . . . This is football, L. G. Friedrichs style. Champion style.

Coach Friedrichs came to Campion with one aim — to create a football machine. It was a formidable task, but he had the credentials to face it. For one thing, he was a football player himself. At Jesuit High School in his native New Orleans, he was all-city in 1934 and 1935. He was all-state also in 1935. Playing at the University of Oklahoma, he won honorable mention on the Big Six All Conference team in 1939.

#### Coaching Career

His coaching career began at Marquette High in Milwaukee in 1941. In his only season there, his team won the conference championship and finished with a 6-2 overall record. His career was then interrupted as he went into active duty as a pilot in the 409<sup>th</sup> Bomber Group of the United States Air Force. After the war, however, he again took up coaching, this time at Holy Cross High School in New Orleans. In two seasons there, his football teams compiled a 19-4 record with two city, one district, one state, and an intersectional championship. He also achieved great success as coach of the basketball and track teams there.

At St. Louis U. High in 1949, he won the Catholic and district titles, but lost a later bowl game, finishing with an 8-1-1 record. He coached basketball there also, heading a team that was ranked fourth in the state.



Coach Friedrichs

He then went on to Creighton Prep. His four year rebuilding program evidently reached fruition a year early there, as his teams had records of 3-5, 5-3, 9-0, and 9-0. The latter two squads, 1953-54, were city champions. The 1953 team was named state co-champ, while the 1954 team was record second in the state.

In 1955, L. G. made the step to the college coaching ranks, taking over as head coach at St. Ambrose College. In four years there, his team compiled a 21-13 record.

#### On to Campion

L. G. came to Campion in the fall of 1961, and has become a legend in just four years. Not only has he reestablish-