

-THE LONGHORN STANDARD- 1957 ALEX LONGHORN FOOTBALL

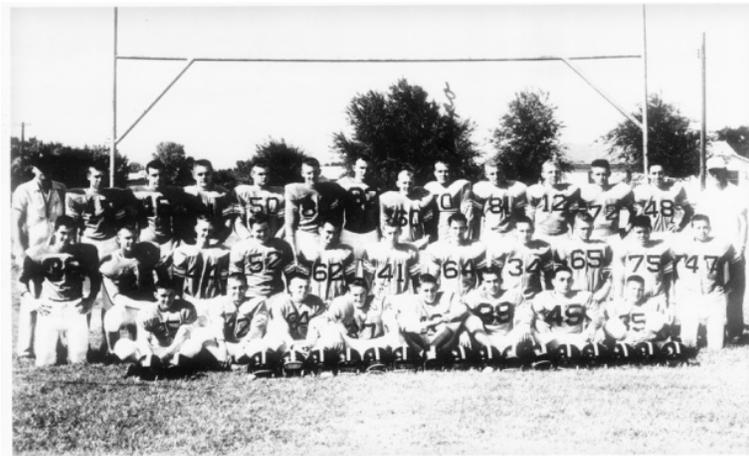
Class 9-C District Champions | Regional Champions | Eastern Oklahoma Area Champions
Class C State Runner-Up
Season Record 14-2

Only one football season in Alex School's history served to set what shall be forever known as the Longhorn Standard, that level of achievement against which all other football teams to this very day are judged. During the 1957 season, Alex Longhorn Football topped all others when Alex played Thomas for the Class C 11-man State Championship and came away the 1957 State Championship runner-up.

Coached by the legendary BM McElroy after whom the Alex field house is now named, the vaunted 1957 Alex team boasted 16 returning seniors on a squad of approximately 38 players. Back then, football districts were laid out geographically, not strictly by school size, and the Longhorns' competitors included every football school in Grady County, including Chickasha. Much like today, in 1957, Alex was certainly the smallest dog in the fight.

The 1958 Alex yearbook includes this information about the 1957 state championship run, a personal Season to Remember for an entire generation:

"This was our year. Well, almost." Pernel, Elmore City, Blanchard, Cyril, Minco, Rush Springs and Lincoln of Chickasha all fell decisively before the stampeding Longhorns. Then, there was the crucial game against the Tuttle Tigers to decide the conference championship. Both teams were undefeated in conference play and after 48 minutes of "rockem-sockem," Alex was the new champion of District 9-C. After unexpectedly losing the final regular season game to a "rugged" Maysville team, Alex went on to defeat Yale, 13-6, in Bi-District play. Thanksgiving Day 1957 saw Alex paired with powerful Medford, who the Longhorns "mangled" 26-6 to become Regional Champions. A hard battle with Beggs that ended with Alex on top 15-12 saw the Longhorns crowned Area Champions of Eastern Oklahoma. "But all good things must end." Deep in the fall, on a neutral field in El Reno, Alex fell to the Thomas Terriers in the State Championship game. "Still, we were proud to be the second best in all the State of Oklahoma. Our biggest hand to the fine boys who represented Alex High during the glorious season of '57."



BOYS FOOTBALL
FRONT ROW, LEFT TO RIGHT: Gene Stephens, Jerry Spears, James Ketchum, John Rodgers, Bobby Word, Tommy Harris, Don Tobey, Jerry Wilkins. SECOND ROW: Lindel Pettigrew, Henry Ketchum, Donald Lowe, Freddie Simmons, Ronnie Cole, Jerry Williams, Harold Spencer, Pete Brand, Loyd Gibbs, Don Bagwell, Noel Phillips. THIRD ROW: Coach Holder, Larry Foster, Wilson Smith, Roy Peters, Don Lyons, Jerry Goyne, Grady White, Jerry Wolfe, Clois Reppond, Richard Johnson, Mike McElroy, Charles Aldridge, Roger Schneider, Coach McElroy.

Seniors

