



**Chevrolet introduces 1969.  
The year of the Super Sports.**

**College Football's 100th Season**

**The Chevrolet Sports Department**

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abbreviation "Assoc."), and rugby, the real forerunner of our game today.

In our earliest Colonial days, New England boys kicked inflated pig bladders through town streets, and American college students used a mass version of "football" for class rushing.

But wherever, however and whenever it was played, football was always—and still is—one thing: a vicarious outlet for boiling hot youth, a great way to blow off steam. And, from the beginning, that wonderful release was enjoyed by spectators as well as players.

The beginning was Nov. 6, 1869. A vim-filled band of Rutgers students had challenged an equally roisterous team from Princeton. That chilly afternoon in New Brunswick, N.J., they played the first intercollegiate game of football.

The stadium was Rutgers' College Field, and the number of bewildered spectators on hand was about 300, and the first college cheer was heard from some among them. A cluster of Princetons was said to have given the battle cry of New York's 7th Regiment.

The game in New Jersey a century ago had more of the flavor of a riot. It was a weird match involving slugging, shoving, kicking and getting mad. No one broke for the long run; carrying the ball was forbidden. And no one hurled the bomb. They only picked up the ball to refill it with air. As for uniforms, they were practically nonexistent. A few Rutgers men wore red turbans, but, mostly, the athletes (25 to a side) simply removed their suit jackets and waistcoats and stormed into one another.

As opposed to the strategies of

## THE BEGINNING:

...from Greece to  
Rome to England

...first American  
college game

Kicking, pushing or somehow shoving a ball across an opponent's goal. Having the virile fun of knocking somebody down—or getting knocked down—while doing it. Vigorous boys have been doing that for centuries.

The Greeks did it and called it *harpaston*. Roman soldiers copied the game, and Italians played it as *calcio*. England got it from the conquering Romans, and eventually produced two games: Association football ("soccer" from the



"The First Game." In early days, the object was to outshove and outclaw the foe. Strategy was simple. Survive.

today, "All deep hook on 23 flag streak," as a normal quarterback might propose—the object was to nudge the ball through the great mass of clawing adversaries and try to kick it between goal posts set 25 feet apart at either end of a 140-yard-long playing field. The first team to boot six goals was declared the winner. The ball could only be kicked forward, or heeled backward, or butted with the head. If the ball were to be caught in midair, or on the first bounce, the catcher was allowed a free kick.

Curiously enough, the first game had much of the social atmosphere that gives modern college football the extra something it enjoys today. The Princeton team

arrived by train, had lunch and strolled around town before the kickoff. Excited well-wishers crowded around the players as they stripped down for battle. Spectators, perched on their buckboards or on a board fence, applauded as they took the field. The first game was on. Rutgers won 6-4.

Almost immediately, other Eastern schools joined the fun. Only ten years later, Michigan played Racine the first Midwestern game. And, in 1896, with football spreading swiftly, spontaneously, Yale's Walter Camp got a letter asking, "Will you kindly [teach me] the best way to develop a good football team?" James H. Kivlan, Univ. of Notre Dame.



## '69 Camaro SS

### To come this close to Corvette we picked the best sports-car brains around. (our own)

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a '69 Camaro SS in the same league with Corvette. But it sure doesn't leave much around in the same league with Camaro.



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"Knut Rockne—The Coach." As the rules grew more sophisticated, men like Knute Rockne won their way to wide-spread fame.

## FORMATIVE YEARS:

...first man to  
run the ball

...first pass

...brute strength  
gives way to brains

Go back to 1823 in England. A Rugby student named William Webb Ellis is bored frantic by a tedious, scoreless-tie "soccer" game. Finally, he blows—grabs the ball and runs, dodging, smashing, stiff-arming across the goal. The first man to run with the ball broke the rules of his game, but started a new one: rugby or "rigger."

Now, it's 1895 in America. A North Carolina fullback is trapped behind his line trying to punt. The ball in his hands is like the proverbial hot potato. Suddenly, he throws it away, downfield. A shocked but smart teammate catches it, and runs 70 yards for

a touchdown. The first forward pass!

Both innovations that so importantly shaped our modern game were acts of desperation not deliberation. But everything else about college football—including refinement of both the run and the pass—provides a showcase of American brains, inventiveness and organizing ability. Developing the game has taken intelligence that justifies its place on college campuses.

It was rugby that would form the basis for the American game, once the intercollegiate sport had been introduced, and Amos Alonzo Stagg always felt that three schools deserved most of the credit for it. Harvard first took up rugby and insisted it was better suited to the American character than the raw shove-and-kick game that Rutgers and Princeton had played. Princeton, said Stagg, pressed for the first rules convention. And Yale's leaders were the ones who insisted that the number of players on a side be fixed at 11.

Changes came rapidly to the game in the 1870's and 1880's, and Yale's Walter Camp, "the father of American football," was mostly responsible for them all. As Knute Rockne once said, "Our game was born by two distinctive departures from rugby. First, the center passing the ball to a quarterback, which eliminated the indiscriminate scrum. And second, the rule which made four touchdowns equal to a field goal. This was the start of 'downs' and modern scoring." Walter Camp invented both.

As the game's popularity spread, so did innovations. Guards pulled and blocked. So did tackles.

Quarterbacks learned to lateral, and then to pass. Fakes originated. Plays were called. And flying wedges formed. Still, for years, it was a game for iron men, for linemen who stood upright and fought each other fist and foot, largely without proper pads or helmets, a game where only an injury resulted in substitution. But it was moving. It was becoming a game that reflected the spirit of a nation with its sweep, technique, strategy, speed, imagination, daring and courage.

It would always be a game of incredible invention. It would evolve from Alonzo Stagg's ancient T-formation—regular formation, it was called—to a world replete with stratagem. Pop Warner's single wing and double wing would do the most to break up the strangling mass, but ultimately it would give way in vogue to such bizarre formations as Don Faurot's Split-T and the currently popular I-formation, or Shifting-T, as best refined by USC's John McKay.

One of the beauties of college football, from its earliest formative years, has been this blending of brains and brawn. Brilliant pioneer coaches—Walter Camp and Amos Alonzo Stagg, to name just the two most famous—sought boys who could outthink opponents. But football has also always attracted boys who enjoy rugged contact, admire courage and hard work. Boys who respond to a coach like Bob Zuppke of Illinois, who once told a player, "Son, I don't look for tackles, I listen for them."



## '69 Impala SS 427

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At the start, college football gave robust Americans a perfect outlet. But almost too perfect. Football nearly died of excess roughness. (During an 1893 Purdue-Chicago melee, the Tippecanoe County District Attorney threatened to indict every player for assault and battery.)

Then, the National Collegiate Athletic Association stepped in with rules that opened up the game (i.e., separated the combatants), made it safer and, surprisingly, far more exciting.

Now, free to grow, football exploded in popularity because it filled urgent needs of millions more people—and of colleges, themselves.

## TAKING HOLD:

...enter NCAA  
...football heroes  
and No. 1 ratings  
...sports for  
all students

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"Howell to Hutson—The Passing Game." Passing and receiving were to become refined arts, and no one ever caught quite like Don Hutson.

"It made America college-conscious," said one coach. A state university president noted that bond issues—for academic buildings and salaries—were passed by people who never went to college but who were now proud of their schools.

It earned alumni devotion. Grantland Rice wrote, "We met an old grad who didn't care whether you roasted or boosted his...team ...or whether you even mentioned it. It was the first funeral we had attended in years."

Gate receipts paid (as they still do) to expand other sports—inter-collegiate and intra-mural—spreading physical fitness to all students.

What this adds up to is proof enough that football had come a long way from the era of the ear-flapping headgear. Yet for all of the progress, one juncture of time remains more important, perhaps, than all others. Without much exaggeration, it can be said that college football really achieved the eminent place it enjoys today in a brief period from the mid-1920's into the late 1930's—a time when America seemed to crave heroes and got them by the benches full.

All-Americans had been originated by Walter Camp (1889), and it was years later that an obscure Illinois professor named Frank G. Dickinson would devise the first rating system (1924). Both features actually caught hold in the 1920's. That was the time the nation truly clutched at the superstars—a Red Grange, an Ernie Nevers, a Bronko Nagurski, the Four Horsemen, a Chris Cagle. And it was for Knute Rockne's legions at South Bend that the familiar chant, "We're Number

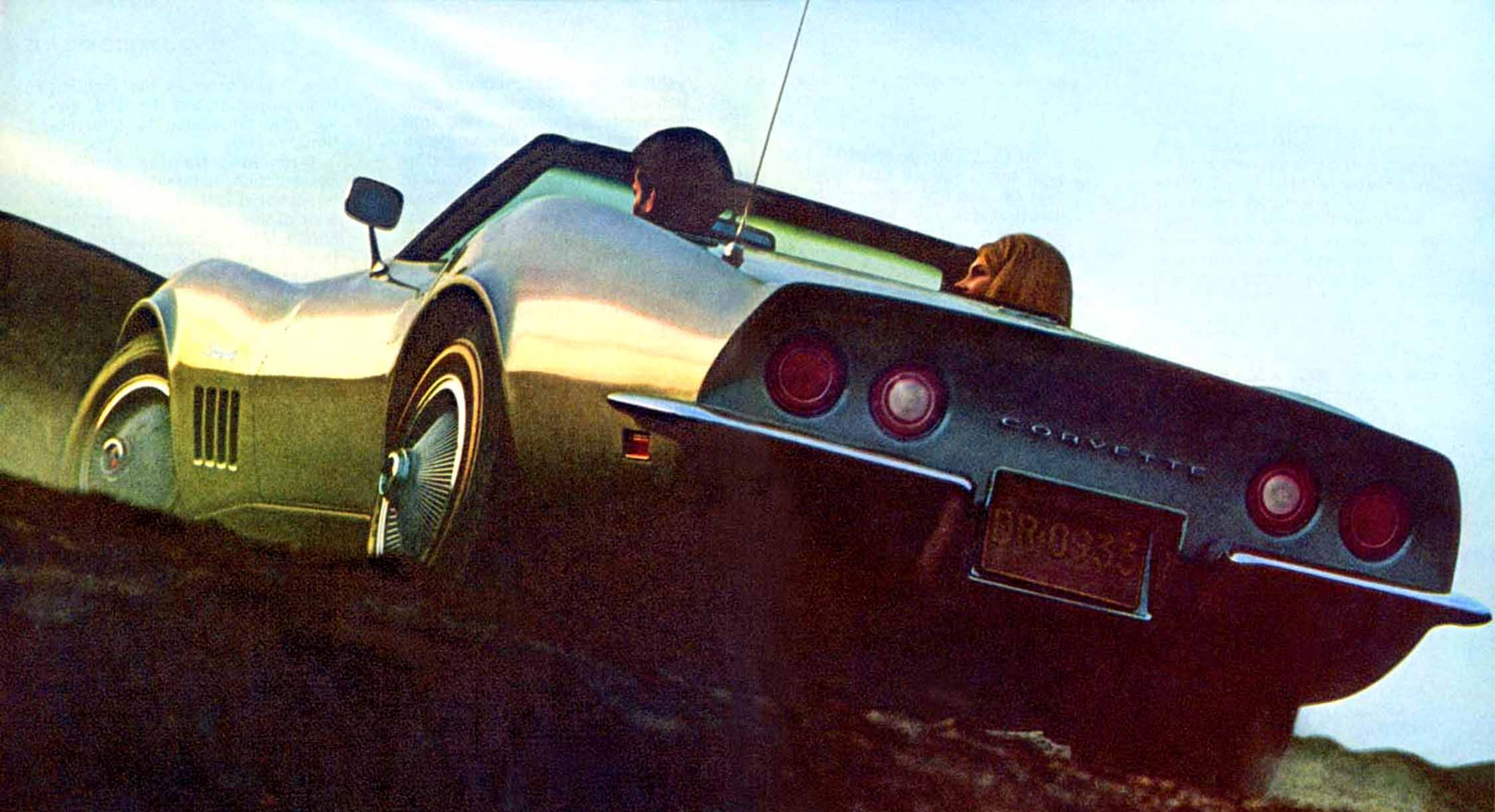
One," was born as the Fighting Irish played across the land, giving new dimension to intersectional rivalry.

Intensified training, stadium construction, national ratings, intersectional scheduling, acceptance of the aerial game, marching bands, All-Americans, a rash of bowl games, new giants of coaching, players of the year—all such creations were the legacies of the '20's and '30's.

And into this era swept a new kind of gridiron hero—the specialist. It might be a Sam Baugh at TCU, the purest of passers, an Erny Pinckert at USC, the rowdiest of blockers, a Tom Harmon at Michigan, the most dazzling of runners, or a Don Hutson at Alabama, first of the magnificent receivers.

Professional football would eventually provide the stage for specialists to perform, and by so doing it would slightly disfigure history. Only a few would one day be able to recall that in his college career Sam Baugh was a superb punter and a vicious defender as well as the best passer up to his time. Also, that Don Hutson's miracle catches were often overshadowed by his darting runs on the end-around play, or by the defensive gems he pulled off in the company of one of his illustrious Alabama teammates—a man named Bear Bryant.

College is where these men matured. It's also where so many others, playing football, get educations they might never have had. And it's where, because of football, millions of students—on all kinds of playing fields, courts and in pools—learn lessons only sport can teach.



## '69 Corvette

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TODAY:  
...football for millions  
...the super sport

The time is now. It is the day of the biggest game of 1967 with USC meeting UCLA before 92,000 in the Los Angeles Coliseum for the national championship. And it is almost too much to bear, a brutal rebellion on a sunlit day that is bursting apart with heroism. All afternoon, with impossible poise and courage, the two teams have battered one another, and now in the last quarter a valiant All-American named Gary Beban of UCLA has put his team ahead, 20 to 14. But suddenly, then, it is the moment for another All-American, O. J. Simpson of USC.

Simpson starts an end run to his left and turns upfield. He dances through a hole. He breaks one tackle. He breaks another. The goal is 64 yards away, but Simpson is a streaking, crimson-jerseyed blur now, bolting over the embattled turf, his strides getting

longer, nothing but glory ahead, and clusters of weary Bruins collapsing vainly behind him. He is gone.

All that college football had ever been, and all that it might ever be, seemed somehow to be incorporated into that frenzied moment of last year. Two splendid teams, after all, had played the great game they were supposed to play. And the super-modern athlete—big, fast, shifty, durable O. J. Simpson—had been the man to win it. He had won it the way he was expected to win it, with a late, dramatic, dazzling journey before a crammed stadium of thoroughly wrung-out souls, and millions of others watching on ABC's nationwide telecast.

There will, of course, be another big game in 1968, and no doubt another O. J. Simpson to win it. The game might be played in another big city like Los Angeles, or in one of those campus towns which can be transformed into a big city because of a certain Saturday. They are everywhere and their names are as familiar as Rockne. They are Austin and South Bend, Tuscaloosa and East Lansing, Norman and Chapel Hill, New Haven and Boulder, and hundreds of others.

One of the more important facets of college football is that its boundaries are wide. College Station, Texas, for example, can become a major league city overnight if the Aggies are winning again. The capital of Georgia can move from Atlanta to Athens as quickly as a halfback can run to daylight. The sport has spread so much in interest, in fact, that the jet age of the 1960's has annually produced crowds of over 25

million ticket buyers at collegiate contests—three times the number who pay to see professional games in the NFL and AFL combined.

The 1968 season began with more than 500 schools fielding teams under the auspices of the National Collegiate Athletic Assn. Over 60 conference championships, large and small, were to be decided. At least 18 major teams would be invited to play post-season games in Pasadena, Dallas, New Orleans, Miami, Jacksonville, Memphis, Houston, El Paso and Atlanta. No less than 10 legitimate All-America selections would be made. And five nationally accepted agencies would crown a mythical

national champion—the AP, UPI, Football Writers Assn. of America, National Hall of Fame, and Helms Athletic Foundation.

In the midst of all this, bands would march, bonfires would burn, chartered jets would fly, special trains would run, cheerleaders would leap, coaches would be sainted, effigies would hang, stadiums would be enlarged, reunions would occur, and O. J. Simpsons would continue to run. And run.

No one in that Princeton-Rutgers scramble 100 years ago would ever have believed it.

*"O. J. Runs for Daylight." O. J. Simpson exemplified the modern attack in 1967. Sooner or later, he would break and beat you.*



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## '69 Chevelle SS 396

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Sept. 28	<i>Purdue at Notre Dame Florida at Florida State Colorado at California Holy Cross at Harvard</i>	Nov. 16	<i>Pacific Coast Conf.* Big Ten* Southwest Conf.* Big Eight*</i>
Oct. 5	<i>Washington at Oregon State</i>		<i>Alabama at Miami (night game)</i>
Oct. 12	<i>Penn State at UCLA Mississippi at Georgia Wyoming at Brigham Young Montana at Idaho</i>	Nov. 23	<i>Nebraska at Oklahoma Southern Cal.—U.C.L.A. (night game)</i>
Oct. 19	<i>Alabama at Tennessee Northwestern at Ohio State North Texas State at Tulsa Utah at Wyoming</i>	Nov. 28	<i>Texas A &amp; M at Texas</i>
		Nov. 30	<i>Army-Navy</i>
Oct. 26	<i>Notre Dame at Michigan State</i>	Dec. 7	<i>Syracuse at Penn State</i>
Nov. 2	<i>Dartmouth at Yale Texas Tech at Rice Indiana at Wisconsin Clemson at North Carolina State</i>	Dec. 14	<i>Liberty Bowl</i>
		Dec. 25	<i>North-South Shrine Game</i>
Nov. 9	<i>Purdue at Minnesota</i>	Dec. 28	<i>East-West Shrine Game</i>

\*Games to be selected at later date

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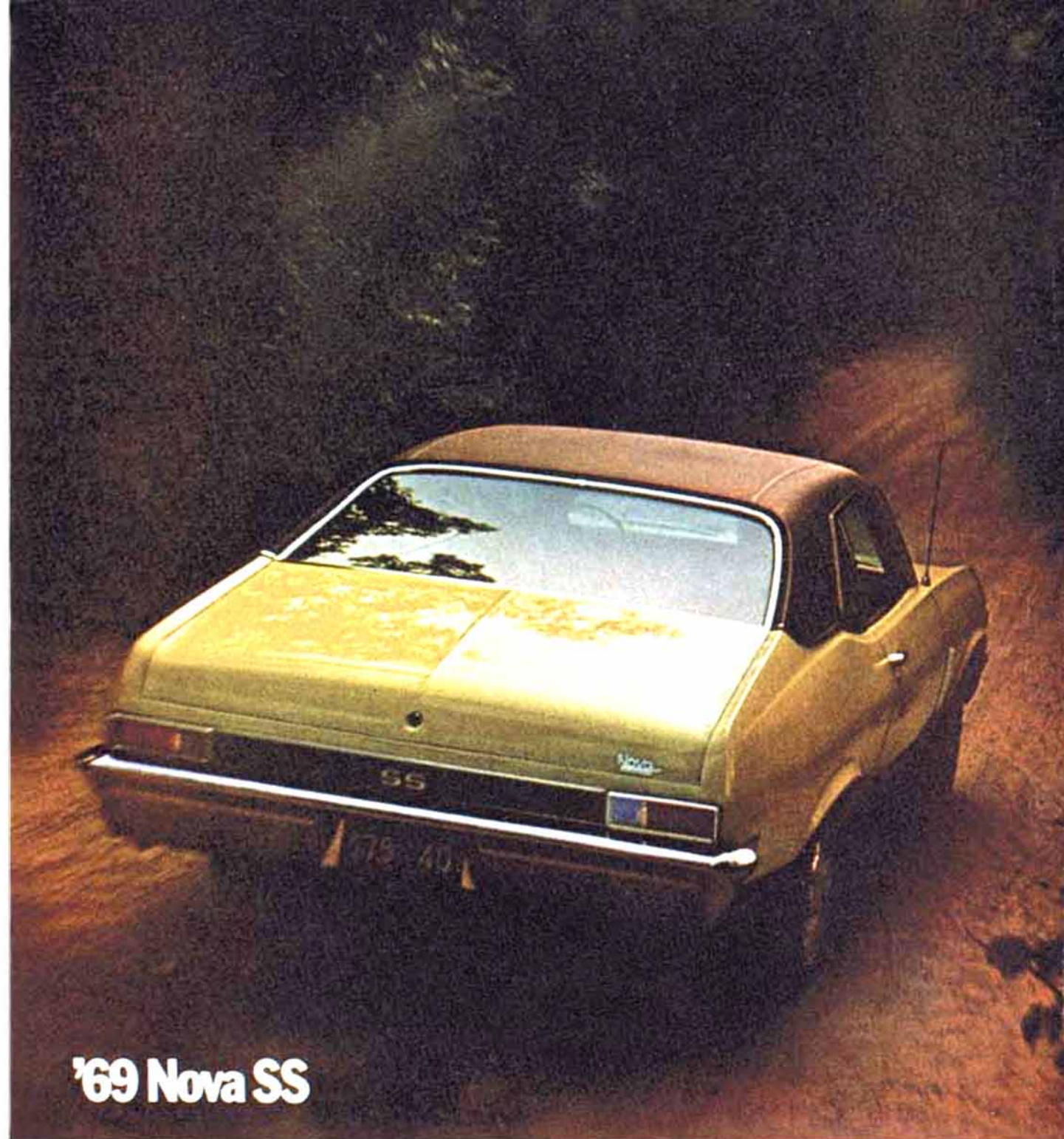
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And we aim to make sure you stay there.