

Mal Fowler, T.C.U. Back, Once Told 'No Football'

A tall, shy young man who only a year ago was given "little chance" of ever playing football again, has been the brightest star in the so-far dim picture at TCU this fall.

The name is Malvin Fowler. A 6' 2" 195 pounder from Van, Texas, he is one of those natural athletes. All members of the Frog coaching staff are convinced that he could be played anywhere—from right guard to waterboy—and turn in an outstanding job.

His story is an interesting one. In Van High, Fowler was a great athlete earning three letters and making all-district and all-state teams.

As a Frog freshman in 1949, he led the first year team to its finest record in years—four victories and a one-point defeat.

Regular As A Sophomore Starting the 1950 season as a regular Frog halfback, Mal opened the first game against the Kansas Jayhawkers at Lawrence.

He intercepted one of the Hawks' first passes but a few moments later, he went down with a bad knee injury.

Subsequent examination revealed torn cartilage and strained ligaments. He tried to play again last year but it was no go. So his first

varsity year resulted in less than three minutes of competition.

Later, the SWC fathers took cognizance of this sad situation and



Malvin Fowler
Frog's Ground Gainer

voted to give Fowler three full years of eligibility.

During the winter, doctors made extensive repairs to Mal's bad knee. After the operation, they reported he had only a 40-60 chance of ever playing again—the 60 that he wouldn't.

But the big fellow, who rarely speaks unless spoken to, had other ideas. He worked hard to build up the leg during the summer and when fall practice started, he had no trouble winning the left half spot.

In the 13-27 defeat with Kansas this year, Fowler opened at half but soon got his chance to quarterback the team. He went to town.

He engineered both of the Frog's scoring drives and hurled one touchdown pass on fourth down. He carried the ball 14 times for 91 yards and an average of 6.5 per try.

Re-Injured Knee

He completed 5 out of 11 passes for 35 yards and one score. He also played some at defensive safety.

However recently Fowler re-injured his bothersome leg and as of yet it has not been determined whether or not he will see any more SWC action. You can bet if he starts he will give the Aggie defenders lots of trouble.

Creator of 'Meyer Spread'

Coach 'Dutch' Meyer Now In 18th Year

Leo R. (Dutch) Meyer, head coach and athletic director at TCU, claims a career that parallels the school's "modern era" in the Purple and White athletics.

The rugged little veteran has held almost every position on the Purple staff and the 1951 season will be his 28th as tutor of the Frog elevens.

It will also be his 18th year as head coach, making him dean of the Southwest Conference active field commanders. As undergraduate and coach, Meyer has been associated with the school almost continuously since 1917.

Started as Waterboy Dutch's interest in TCU goes back even further. As a kid in Waco, he used to walk the few blocks from his home to watch Frog teams workout in 1908 and 1909. (TCU was located in Waco until 1910).

He acted as mascot and waterboy in several games. When Meyer was ready for college, his natural choice was TCU. In 1918, he took time from his studies to serve with US Army, but on his discharge in December, returned to Fort Worth and his studies.

He teamed with SMU's Matty Bell to guide the Texas Centennial Stars to a 7-6 victory over the Chicago Bears in 1936. This

was the first time that collegiate group had bested a championship professional team.

A widower since the spring of 1950, Voach Meyer lives just a few blocks from the campus. L. D. Meyer, a nephew who was a Frog star in 1933-36 and who managed the Dallas Eagles in baseball last summer, lives with him during the winter season.

Meyer's record as an athlete was outstanding. Despite the fact he never weighed more than 160 pounds, Dutch earned all varsity letters in three major sports.

As a basketball guard, he lettered four years; as a baseball pitcher he was a four-year letterman and in football he earned three monograms as an end. He graduated in 1922.

Promising Baseball Career

So promising was young Meyer as a pitcher he was signed off the campus by the Cleveland Indians of the American League. However, a shoulder injury halted that career and he returned to Fort Worth in the fall of 1922 to coach at Polytechnic high. That was the only season of his career that he was not associated with TCU.

In the fall of 1923, Meyer was named TCU freshman football coach. He held the position for 11

seasons, compiling one of the finest won-loss records in football.

His teams won 29 games, lost only four and played two ties. In 1927, he also assumed the duties

as head baseball coach. Meyer was named skipper of the Frog varsity teams in 1934. He's been on the job ever since and has filled in as basketball coach and baseball mentor from time to time. He assumed the additional duties of athletic director in 1950.

Good Conference Record In his 17 years as varsity coach, his teams have won 99 games, lost 69 and played 11 ties. In rugged Conference competition, Meyer teams have won 50 and lost 43 while playing 7 ties.

Two Meyer-coached teams have won Southwest Conference titles—in 1938 and 1944. His teams of 1935 and 36 ranked in the first five nationally and that of 1938, rated No. 1.

Six times Meyer teams have taken part in Bowl games. They have won three losing the same number.

One of the first coaches to make the forward pass an integral part of his offense, Meyer has become famous for his overhead attack.

In the 1930's he was blessed with two great passers in Sammy Baugh and David O'Brien. While working with them, he did much to develop "passing patterns" which are now standard all over the country.

More recently, Dutch has been

experimenting with a "wide open" game and the Meyer Spread has gained national attention. This setup scatters the offense across much of the field, makes for fine passing maneuvers and angle blocking on runs.

In addition to his regular work with TCU teams and in Bowl games, Meyer has coached in many All-Star scraps. He also helped coach in three Blue-Gray games and twice worked in the East-West Shrine game at San Francisco.

In 1949, Meyer was elected president of the National Coaches' Association. He is well known in coaching circles all over the land.

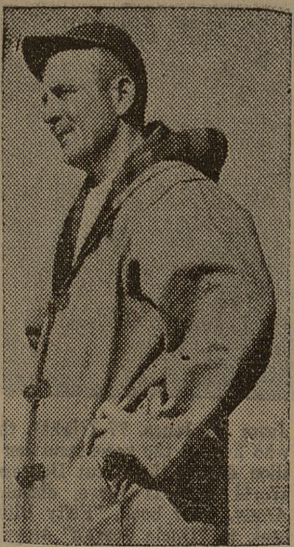
Meyer's record at TCU:

	W	L	T	Pct
Freshman (1923-33)	29	4	2	.857
Varsity (1934-50)	99	69	11	.586

Totals 128 73 13 .631

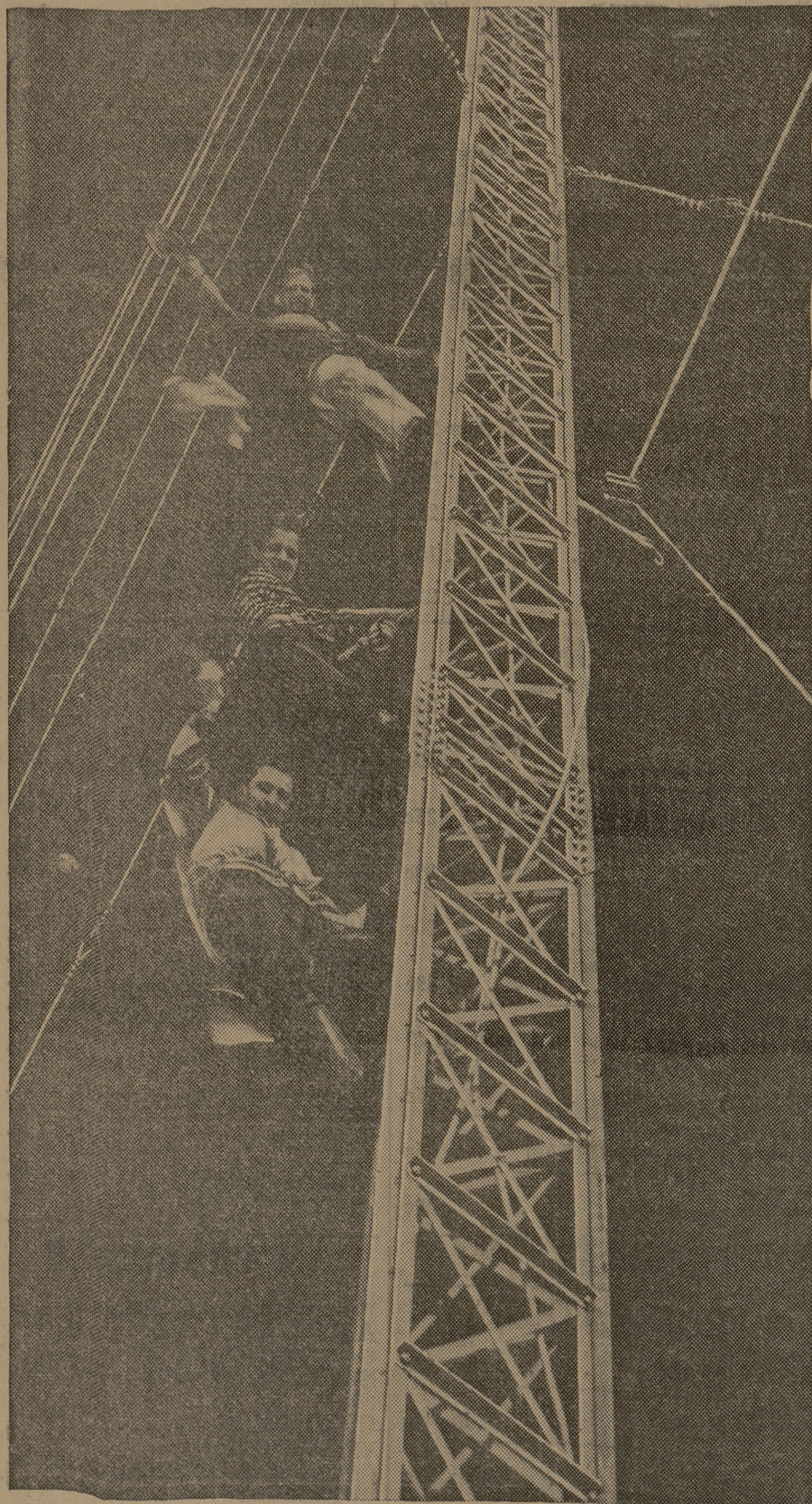
Records against foes of 1951:

Team	W	L	T
Kansas	6	0	2
Baylor	9	3	0
Texas Tech	7	4	0
Texas A&M	9	7	1
Texas U.	9	8	0
Rice	9	7	1
Arkansas	8	7	0
SMU	6	8	0
Southern California	0	0	0
Nebraska	0	0	0



Dutch Meyer
TCU Head Coach

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