

Ag Gridders Hope to Improve Record

Myers Doesn't Feel Team Can Contend for Crown



Small, But Tough

Allen Goehring, whose 190-pound frame is small as far as college guards go, still remains a starting guard for the Cadets this fall. The San Marcos product has maintained a starting berth against tough opposition in early practice.

The football aggregation of Coach Jim Myers' Texas Aggies is expected to be improved in all quarters this year as the Cadets gird themselves for another grid campaign.

On paper, however, the Farmers may not better the 4-6 won-loss slate recorded last year due to an overall better showing by the entire Southwest Conference.

Myers himself feels the Ags are too thin to be SWC contenders, but his statement, "We'll beat somebody," will undoubtedly come true. Last year the Cadet leader was never known to make such a statement and the Aggies upended the lofty Cotton Bowl hopes of the Rice Owls with avengeful 28-21 triumph. The Rice upset was previewed by a 33-27 victory over the Baylor Bruins when the Farmers constructed one of the classic comebacks in SWC history, tallying four times in the final period to erase a 21-7 deficit.

But this year, the Ag mentor has inserted new life into the Farmer attack that last year failed on 22 occasions to count after being inside the opposition 20-yard line. Myers has added a multiple offense with emphasis on the single-wing and more concentrated effort on defense. The Ags gave up 81 points in their last three contests last season.

Charley Milstead, All-America candidate and 4th nationally in

total offense last year, will again direct the Cadet offense. The 187-pound senior from Tyler guided the Ags in setting 15 school records last year as he connected on 88 of 167 passes for 1,135 yards. He added 237 more rushing for a total of 1,372 yards. In addition the lanky quarterback handles the punting and extra-point chores. He once booted a 40-yard field goal in the State "AAAA" quarter finals between Tyler and Corpus Christi Miller in 1955.

More depth in the backfield with the fine showing of upcoming sophomores has pleased the coaching staff. Behind Milstead will be Powell Berry, junior letterman from Snyder, who ran well from the tailback slot last year. Also along for performance are Jon Few, Gordon LeBoeuf and Randy Sims, all veterans. And the addi-

tion of sophomores Eddie Van Dyke, Jesse Maguire, Sidney Bergeon and Bob Caskey should add still more punch.

The line, however, is still a question mark. A lack of sturdy line play hampered the attack last year, but despite all, the Farmers scored 61 points against Rice and Baylor. The returnees should be improved and again sophs are counted on for help. Veterans back in the line include Ralph Smith and Jack Estes at ends, Bill Darwin, Bill Godwin, Robert Garner and former center and alternate captain Gale Oliver from Refugio at tackle, Allen Goehring, Carter Franklin and Buddy Payne at guard and Roy Northrup at center.

Newcomers to the forward wall include Wayne Freiling, David Skinner, John Stradinger, Richard Love, Russel Hill and surprising John Eiler.

The Cadets return 20 of 30 lettermen. And they face a relatively tough schedule. The opener is with conference newcomer Texas Tech in the Cotton Bowl in Dallas, followed by an East Lansing, Mich. date with always tough and perennially powerful Michigan State, a contest at Mobile, Ala. with rugged little Mississippi Southern, and a home date with the University of Houston. Then come the six dates with conference opponents.



"The Bull"

Gordon LeBoeuf, whose name means "The Bull" in French, comes back for his final season with the Ag gridgers. The hard running fullback is expected to be a big cog in the plans of Coach Jim Myers this fall.

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