

# Spencer Ranks as Stalwart In Maroon Offensive Line

By DEAN REED

One of the stalwarts of this year's Aggie line is tackle Mickey Spencer. Mickey, who hails from Pasadena, has been the starting left tackle on offense this season. The husky 21-year-old junior insists he has trouble keeping his weight down to a trim 205 pounds, but seems to do it by working out consistently throughout the year.

The position of tackle was new in college play to Mickey, but not so in high school. During his first two years in A&M he played guard. While in Pasadena High School, however, he played both tackle and guard, shifting from one to the other depending on which team possessed the ball.

**Named All-State**  
Starting football at an early age, Mickey became captain of the Pasadena Junior High team and went on to become the only sophomore starting on the high school varsity. He advanced through his next two years in high school to become co-captain of the team and an all-state selection for the 1946 season.

One of the highlights of his high school career was his final season. That year Pasadena had just been elevated to Class AA football and was placed in what is known as one of the roughest districts in Texas. The district, then 14-AA, had such strong teams as Port Arthur, Baytown, Galveston, Orange, Beaumont, and South Park as contenders.

Although it was their initial year, the Pasadena team—led by Mickey—tore its way through all opponents to capture the district crown and advance to the bi-district game. There, however, it lost to Lamar of Houston, reputed to be one of the state's strongest teams that year. A&M's star fullback, Bob Smith, was the power runner on the victorious Lamar eleven.

**Tale Unfolded**  
Another highlight of that final high school year was an event which Mickey has tried to keep secret during his college years. It was discovered, though, and is told with simulated pride by his roommate, Tack Chapin.

The tale goes thus: Just after his all-state honors were bestowed on him, Mickey received another honor, this time a local one. The citizens of his hometown metropolis, led by the mayor and other officials, proclaimed an official "Mickey Spencer" day.

The band played, the stands were crowded, and Mickey, as usual, was blushing. To this day, there hangs in the halls of Pasadena High a "Mickey Spencer Plaque," presented each year to the outstanding male graduate. The actual plaque remains on exhibition at the school, however.

An honor student in high school, Mickey was president of his junior and senior classes and president of the Student Council.

**All-Star Games**  
Three post-season games kept Mickey busy before he came through the East Gate in the fall of '47. First was the annual Texas-Louisiana Gulf Coast all-star game in December of '46. That was the game in which, only a year before, talented Bobby Lantrip—now of Rice—had displayed his wares.

Next on the agenda was the state's North-South all-star affair at the annual coaching school in El Paso. Here he played for the South with such now famed names as Kyle Rote of SMU and Vernon Glass of Rice appearing in the lineup.

Another Mustang, little John Champion, was also there. Champion and Spencer had met before, on opposing sides of the line, in the bi-district fray between Pasadena and Lamar.

**Oil Bowl Play**  
From El Paso, he journeyed to Wichita Falls to participate in the Oil Bowl game between the Texas-Oklahoma all-stars. Here again he played with and against many of today's Southwest Conference players.

Several of today's Aggies, including Charlie Royalty, Carl Molberg, and Dorhardt Barton, played in either or both of the latter frays. Majoring in mechanical engineering, Mickey has managed to maintain a good grade point average and expects to graduate in June '51.

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## Battalion SPORTS

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### Owls, Mustangs Have Places In AP Poll Top 10

New York, Nov. 17.—Two Southwest Conference eleven held spots in the top ten teams in the Associated Press' weekly poll of national football squads. Rice, victor over A&M by a 13-to-0 score, was ranked sixth.

SMU's defending conference champions fought their way back into the top-rated teams and claimed tenth place. SMU smothered the Arkansas Razorbacks, 34-to-6, last Saturday.

Notre Dame, Oklahoma, California and Army continue to be the only "regulars" in college football's first ten.

The seventh weekly Associated Press poll shows that this feature's fourth season is at the top again—the only teams that have ranked every week of the season.

For the first time in weeks, though, there's a chance even in their order with Oklahoma and California moving ahead of Army, which lost the grip it has held on second place since Oct. 10.

The Black Knights of the Hudson lost favor in their narrow escape at Philadelphia last Saturday when they squeezed past Penn, 14 to 13. They fell to fourth.

Notre Dame's Irish, who haven't been threatened in first place since the second week, solidified their position by subduing North Carolina with a strong last-half supt, 42 to 6.

Frank Leahy's marvels received 140 first-place ballots from the 162 sports writers and broadcasters who participated. They rolled up 1,592 points.

Bowl-bound Oklahoma, 27-to-7 winner over Missouri, gained fifteen first-place votes to finish second with 1,298 points. Third-place California got five of the other No. 1 designations with Army and Virginia receiving one each.

Michigan, the 1948 national champion, clung to fifth place, being followed in order, by Rice, Ohio State, Minnesota, Virginia and Southern Methodist.

Ohio State and Southern Methodist are newcomers to the first ten this week, replacing Cornell, which had its perfect record spoiled by Dartmouth, 16 to 7, and Michigan State, which bowed to Oregon State, 20 to 25.

The total vote with points figured on a 10-9-8-7-6-5-4-3-2-1 basis (first-place votes in parenthesis):

1. Notre Dame (140) . . . 1,592
2. Oklahoma (15) . . . 1,298
3. California (5) . . . 1,252
4. Army (1) . . . 1,130
5. Michigan . . . 768
6. Rice . . . 566
7. Ohio State . . . 486
8. Minnesota . . . 428
9. Virginia . . . 276
10. Southern Methodist . . . 276

The Second Ten.—11. Kentucky, 150; 12. Stanford, 105; 13. Louisiana State, 87; 14. Dartmouth, 75; 15. Baylor, 64; 16. Maryland, 52; 17. Cornell, 49; 18. Michigan State, 46; 19. and 20. Tulane and Santa Clara, each 44.

# Stiteler Talk Featured Tonight At Final Quarterback Session

## Smith Still Has Rushing Lead; Passers Listed

Bruisn' Bob Smith held firmly to his number one spot among the Southwest Conference ball carriers, but two Rice backs continue to present a threat to his rushing leadership.

Bruisn' Bog currently has gained 671 yards on 133 carries with Wyatt runner-up with 536 on 100 tries and Lantrip third with a record of 517 yards on 108 attempts.

Two Passers Ranked  
Don Nichols holds ninth place among league tossers with 268 yards to his credit. He has completed 24 of 49 throws, so he practically boasts of an even .500% completion average.

Right behind the senior quarterback is teammate Dick Gardemal. The soph hurler was forced from Saturday's tilt when jarred up by the Ricemen, but still shows 262 yards gained via the air lanes.

The Port Arthur man-under his connected on 25 of 50 aereals for a .500% record on completions. Paul Campbell of Texas tops the loop in yardage with 1233 on 81 completions in 165 tosses.

Steer pitcher has only a single game left, however, and his two closest competitors, each of whom has two more games, could easily surpass him in the next two weeks.

TCU's Berry is second with 1133 yards on 83 connections in 174 tries and Baylor's Burk is third with 1078 on 90 completions from 153 tosses.

**Lary Improves Mark**  
Punting specialist Yale Lary averaged 41.6 on half a dozen boots against Rice to improve his average for the season. The Fort Worth punter has averaged 37.9 yards per kick for 69 tries.

Lary's average places him fifth in the loop, ahead of the punters from four of the other SWC schools. His number of kicks far exceeds the number tried by any of the other conference kickers.

Leading the punters is Mustang Kyle Rote with 43.4-yard average on 15 punts. His teammate, Doak Walker, is runner-up with a 41.3 average on 19 boots.

**Smith Fifth Scorer**  
The Aggies' Smith also is ranked high among the league scorers, his 42 points hold fifth place behind Randall Clay, Texas, with 64; Doak Walker with 62; Proggie Williams, Rice, with 56; and Kyle Rote with 44.

A&M co-captain Wray Whitaker is ranked sixth in the conference on the basis of yardage gained on pass receptions. Whitaker has picked up 239 yards on 24 catches. First place is held by Procter of Texas (642 on 39 receptions), second spot goes to Bailey of TCU (444 on 31 completions), and the third slot shows Ison of Baylor (372 on 34 catches).

No Cadet punt returner has handled as many as eight chances, so none are ranked in the top ten men in this department. Dillon of Texas is first with an average of 19.5 yards on 10 returns. Procter of Rice has averaged 17.9 yards in 11 chances for second, and Berry of TCU is ranked third with a 16.8 average for 16 returns.

Head Football Coach Harry Stiteler will address the final meeting of The Battalion's Quarterback Club tonight at 7:30 in the Assembly Hall.

The meeting tonight, which features Stiteler's talk, is the last of the current football season. Admission is free to all persons in the Bryan-College Station area.

Stiteler's talk tonight will be on the Aggie's chances against the Texas Longhorns when the two teams meet here Thanksgiving Day, and the prospects for the Aggie eleven in 1950.

"Highlights" Shown  
Another special feature on tonight's program will be the showing of a technicolor movie, "Highlights of the 1948 Southwest Conference Football Race." This film is narrated by "The Old Scotlandian," Gordon McLendon.

Prizes will also be awarded tonight to the winners of last week's Quarterback Club football score guessing contest.

An average of well over 300 persons have entered the Club guessing contest each week this fall to try and pick the winners of each game in which Southwest Conference football teams participated.

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The winners of last week's contest will be the last ones selected this fall in the contest.

Among the prizes to be given to the 11 winners tonight are two tickets to the Aggie-Longhorn game here Thanksgiving Day.

**Must Be Present**  
If the winners listed below are not present at tonight's meeting, their prizes will be given to the second best guessers in last week's contest.

The winners are: Ralph J. Terry, Box 4815, College Station; Edgar D. McMurray, Box 5407, College; Ernestlen Williams, Box 1851, College Station; Mrs. Robert L. Jones, Box 2209, College Station; A. E. Robinson, Miller 29; Percy C. O'Quinn, Box 515, College Station; Mabel Loesch, Box 1915, College Station; Janelle Hagemier, Box 2854; Mrs. Clyde F. Nawlin, Box 1156, College Station; Jack Welch, 2606 Todd; and D. F. Hrachovy, Box 4684.

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