

Harry R. Stiteler Begins 3rd Year As Head Coach

A&M's Head Football Coach, Harry Stiteler, who will be 42 years old four days before the Aggies' first football game of the season against Nevada University, is starting his third year as head tutor of the Maroon and White eleven.

Arriving here in 1948, Stiteler has steadily begun to build from bits and scraps what now could be one of the top teams in the conference. Such is the work of a man who has been coaching football since he began his career at Smithville High School as an assistant coach.

He continued coaching at high schools until 1945 and in those 14 years gained quite a reputation and quite a record.

Championship teams were his products at Bellville and Smithville while at Corpus Christi his gridsters won two district titles and were state champs another year.

Lost 1 in 13 Years

At Waco High, he produced a co-champion of Texas and two district titles. As head coach in high school competition, he lost only one district game in his last 13 years as coach. He coached four undefeated high school teams.

Totalling it up, his teams won 121 games, lost 20, and tied four in high school competition with seven of the 20 defeats coming after his teams had won district titles.

In 1942, he served as president of the Texas High School Coaches' Association and served as an instructor in 1946.

Moved to Rice

Leaving the high school ranks, Stiteler moved to Rice as assistant coach and that year the Owls tied for the SWC title. The following year, 1947, he joined Homer Norton's staff as an assistant and in '48 advanced to his present position.

After two years, Stiteler's A&M teams have produced a record of only one win and two ties, and 17 losses.

In his first season at A&M, Stiteler worked together with an overhauled varsity staff of line coach Bill Dubose and center coach Charley DeWare. Gridiron opponents in 1930 when Stiteler was quarterbacking the Maroons and Dubose was playing for the Steers, the two men now work together. He has the assistance of four other coaches: Dick Todd, backfield coach; Perron Shoemaker, freshman coach; Bill "Dog" Dawson, end coach; and Gilbert Steinke, assistant coach.

During his first year, he could have been quoted as often saying "We're Building"; this is 1950 and the time is not far off when he can again be quoted, but this time as saying "We're Built."

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Texas Aggie backs who will be toting the pigskin for A&M are, across the top, soph Ray Graves, quarterback; Buddy Shaeffer, halfback; Billy Tidwell, defensive halfback; Darrow Hooper, soph quarterback. Charging through the center is Left Halfback Charley Royalty, from the left is All-Conference candidate Bruisin' Bob Smith, from the right Gallopin' Glenn Lippman, and at the bottom is the Cadets' only experienced quarterback, Dick Gardema.

Ace Man-Under Could Make 'Next Year' Now

By FRANK N. MANIZAS
Battalion Sports Editor

"Next year" will be this year, if Head Coach Harry Stiteler can find the right quarterback to man the Aggie eleven.

Four men at the present time are up and at it for the man-under position. Junior letterman Dick Gardema, who last year directed and passed the Cadets to a 27-27 tie with the SMU Mustangs, has the most experience and will, more than likely, receive the starting nod at Sacramento, Calif., Sept. 23.

Whether or not Gardema will be playing the entire game depends on him and three other maybes: Darrow Hooper and Ray Graves, both up from the Fish squad, and squadman Delmar Sikes.

Gardema looked good near the end of last year, not only in his passing, but also in his running and ball handling. Hooper, the largest of the quartet at 6' 3" and 215 pounds, is ideal for the job if he can fall into line with the SWC pace.

Graves, A Cool Passer

Graves showed up well in Fish ball last season and his cool passing will be useful this coming fall. Sikes substituted some last year on the varsity. But the position, according to Coach Stiteler, is still open.

At fullback will be 192 pounds of ramblin', stompin', Bruisin' Bob Smith, who is a cinch for All-Conference honors this season. Bruisin' Bob will also move into the national picture by the end of the season, if he can show the improvement on the field which he demonstrated in spring training.

Alternates at the fullback post will include junior college transfer Bernie Lemmons and letterman Doyle Moore; Jim Dobbyn may also see some action.

Glenn Lippman, who's pre-season publicity undoubtedly lessened his usefulness last season since every

team was laying for him, will still probably hold firm to the left halfback position, and watch for him to surprise everyone. Glenn can go, once he hits the secondary.

Charley Royalty, senior letterman and the only man in the backfield with two letters, will alternate at the post with Lippman. Royalty showed up well during spring sessions, and he should be ripe this fall. Others at this post include Raymond Haas and Johnny Christensen, who has been injured the majority of his college career.

At the other halfback post will be Billy Tidwell, Buddy Shaeffer, Charley McDonald, and newcomer Connie Magourik. Tidwell and Shaeffer will probably alternate on offense with McDonald and Magourik coming in on the defense most of the time.

The line, which seems to be moving up to past A&M standards, is well manned with 20 returning lettermen sprinkled at the various posts. The tackle positions hold six of the returning lettermen; end and guard posts, five each; and the center position, four.

Flowers, Bates, Myers—Centers

Two two-year lettermen, Jimmy Flowers and Bob Bates, will be back at the center post this year as will Hugh Meyers and James Fowler, who gained their first letters last season. Meyers seems to be the starting offensive center with Bates and Flowers following in the order.

Defensively, at the end of spring training, Flowers held one of the linebacking positions with Fowler and Bates pushing him.

At the end positions Jerry Crossman and Walter Hill, from spring training showings, are supposed to be the best on offense while on defense Dorbandt Barton and Jaro Netardus are expected to hold the posts.

Hillhouse Returns

But with the return of Andy Hillhouse and the presence of Cedric Copeland, the only two-year letterman at the end position, no one can be sure of the placements. However, Hillhouse is certain to hold one of the spots while Copeland will really have to be pushed and pushed hard to be moved from offensive right end and defensive left end which he played during most of the season last fall.

Copeland, Max Greiner and Carl Molberg, the latter two guards, were the only three linemen to play both offense and defense for almost the entire period of time in the last three 49 games. Greiner, the only three-year letterman on the squad, will again be tops on both offense and defense at the right guard post, and replacements are available in the forms of W. T. Rush, Dick Frey, and Mickey Spencer (offensive starter at tackle last year). Molberg has the same job as Greiner and will receive help from Marshall Rush, Elo Nohavitzka, Murray Holditch (defensive starter at tackle during late '49 contests) and Bill Blair.

Tucker Tougher

Veteran tackle Dwayne Tucker will be tough to push out of the right tackle job. Tucker's 198 pounds hardly match the 240 pounds offered by Russ Hudeck, who will be out to gain his second award. Jack Little and Spencer will also be available.

On the other tackle post will be Tuck Chapin, 6' 3" and 205 pounds, with relief in the forms of Sam Moses and Alvin Langford. Defensive linebacking jobs for the Aggies will be spread among Flowers, Walt Hill, Fowler, Bates, and Doyle Moore.

Athletic Director ...

'Bones' Has Come Long Way Since—

He was at A&M in 1922 through 1925 and played football for the Cadet eleven. After graduation he played professional football for Buffalo. Who is he?

He is Barlow "Bones" Irvin, Athletic Director of A&M.

Well known as a sportsman, coach, player and now as athletic director, Irvin has come a long way since his start in the gridiron game which began in 1918 when he played tackle and roving guard at old Main Avenue High School in San Antonio.

After his football career at Aggie where he was an all-conference guard, and his stay in the play-for-pay league, he became head coach at St. Mary's University in San Antonio in 1930, winning 17 of 20 games in the following two-year period.

Returning to A&M for the first time in 1932 as an assistant coach, "Bones" (the name acquired while recovering from an illness in his early days) as his friends call him, advanced to line coach in 1933 when Matty Bell was coaching the Farmers.

In 1934, Irvin headed back to San Antonio where he became head track coach at Brackenridge and also help coach the football team.

Becoming head football coach at Thomas Jefferson in 1942, Irvin also directed the track team and in the following six years was quite successful.

His football teams won 48, lost 16, and tied three, advancing to the state quarterfinals twice and the state finals in 1946. Meanwhile, his track teams at Jefferson won the state high school championship once, finished second twice, and third once.

Returning to A&M in 1948 to coach the freshman teams, Irvin produced a top team—the present varsity—which won four and lost one. Also that year the Cadets defeated the highly rated University of Texas Shorthorns, 14-0.

He took over his present post last June when Bill Carmichael resigned to become superintendent of the Bryan schools.

Nevada Eleven Has the Spirit, Speedy Backs

Reno, Nev. (Special)—After the final spring game, Nevada's Head Football Coach Sheeketski commented, "The spirit these boys have is the best I've had at Nevada, and that spirit could take us a long way next fall."

Sheeketski has a host of speedy backs, as is typical of Sheeketski teams, and give him a few reserve linemen and Nevada could make things look pretty tough in 1950.

Lack of depth at guards and tackles is the biggest problem facing the Nevada coaching staff. Five soph (three backs and a guard and a tackle) are contenders for starting berths.

Southpaw Pat Brady's sharp passes were the talk of the final spring game. Brady, who hit nine in 14 attempts for 217 yards, is a second string quarterback while first stringer Ed Jesse, who last year tossed Nevada to an easy win over North Texas State, 28-7, is an even better passer.

In the tilt between Nevada and NTS last year, Jesse completed 17 out of 32 passes (two of which were dropped in the end zone) for 262 yards. The final touchdown for the Wolf Pack came in the last quarter with a 50-yard pass play from Jesse to right end Ed Klosterman scoring the six points.

The power behind the Nevadians' attack is plainly shown in the statistics which totaled 576 yards (rushing and passing) for the Wolf Pack and 254 for Eagles.

All in all, Nevada has 12 lettermen returning, plus three squadmen and four players with junior college experience. The players hail from ten states and Hawaii. One of Nevada's top linemen is Lawrence "Punjab" Hairston, 23-year-old, 6' 3", 255-pound letterman tackle from Clairton, Pa.

A&M Swordsmen To Be Better Team

A&M's 1949-50 fencing team was one of the best that the school has produced. In the Southwest Conference A&M won team championships in both foil and epee and placed second in sabre. In individuals, John Gottlob won the foil championship, and Curtis Wilson placed second in epee.

This year the Aggies are again expected to be one of the better teams with the return of Gottlob, who is a junior and the individual star of the Cadets.

The Aggies fought four dual meets in addition to two complete rounds of team competition in the AFLA, SWC meet, and state finals. Gottlob was A&M's mainstay in these competitions.

Only two men are being lost this year, and they should be more than adequately replaced by transfers from Tarleton. Many Aggie teams are still in the building stage, but the Aggie fencing team can shout this challenge, "We're Built."

Steers Again On Spot

By WILBUR EVANS
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Austin (Special)—The University of Texas eleven is back on the spot this year because 21 lettermen from last year's surprisingly good team are returning. There's not enough experienced backfield material to warrant the "tall tales" you'll hear, but with a better deal from Lady Luck, the Longhorns could stampede.

Of the 21 lettermen returning, 17 operate up front, where football games are said to be won or lost. Award winners are available for every position, except the all-important quarterback position, being two deep all down the line. Only six players, however, have more than a single letter.

Most severe among Texas' losses last year included Randall Clay, one of the league's best halfbacks last year; quarterback Paul Campbell, the nation's fifth ranking tosser; and guards Errol Fry and Danny Wolfe. A total of 10 lettermen departed.

Transfusion of New Blood
Sophomores do not figure near as much as a year ago, but a transfusion of new blood could be the difference. Dan Page, a junior college transfer, is one of the brighter quarterback prospects.

Billy Porter, another transfer, will handle the punting and extra point work. Sophs Swede Stohandske and Gib Dawson appear to be the best bets for starting honors, at end and halfback, respectively.

And don't overlook halfbacks Bob Raley and Richard Ochoa, who sat out the 1949 campaign; soph center Bill McDonald and end Bill Georges, another soph.

For an offense the Longhorns will use much the same as last year, although a bit more wide open in style. It will be the T formation, with flanker and man-in-motion variations, and also a little of the split-T tactics.

The power running will not be up to last year's standard, but there will be better balance around and more all-the-way threats.

Boisterous Byron Townsend, who arrived late in last year's finale,

should get first-rate ball-carrying support from Bubba Shands, Gib Dawson, Lew Levine, Bob Raley, Bobby Dillon, Carl Mayes, and Richard Ochoa. There's speed, if a lack of experience, in those legs.

The passing game is a bigger question mark, because neither passer has proven himself under steady, varsity fire. Ben Tompkins has the stronger arm and is more accurate, yet Page seems more skilled in dropping the long ones into place.

Ben Proctor, the nation's fourth ranking pass receiver, is back, and

Defensively, few teams will be able to point to a stronger alignment from end to end, and back of that may be the best linebacking talent the Longhorns ever had. Last year's line depended heavily on sophomores, but its record against rushing was still second best in the league. The pass defense performance that was the best in the league should be of high quality again, with Dillon, the league's No. 1 safety returning.

Other standout secondary defenders are Levine, Shands, Raley, Ochoa, T. Jones, and Bunny Andrews.

All-American McFadin

Key men in the front line on defense are guard Bud McFadin, all-America candidate, tackle Jim Lansford, linebackers June Davis, Dick Rowan, Bill McDonald, and Don Cunningham, ends Paul Williams and Tom Stohandske and tackle Bill Wilson.

Men like Stohandske, Williams, Rudy Bauman, Bill Georges, Lansford Wilson, and Harley Sewell, will be looked to for pressure on opposing passers. At a glance, eight defensive starters from the 1949 team are now playing with the Steers.

In the kicking department, much improvement is expected with Billy Porter, transfer from Tyler Junior College due to do the punting and placement work. His spring training performances were highly satisfactory. Levine and Raley will assist in the punting, while end John Adams is the No. 1 kickoff expert, with McFadin next in line.



Byron Townsend
TU Halfback

there are a number of other good targets in addition to him.

Center Dick Rowan, guards Bud McFadin and Joe Arnold, tackles Gene Vykukal and Ken Jackson assure able blocking in the line. Narrowed down, in one big bang, there are seven offensive starters from the 1949 team now playing on the '50 team.

Ags' Cross Country Team Strong Again

By RAY HOLBROOK

Conference champs in the fall of 1949, the Texas Aggie cross country team will be almost as strong in defending its title this fall and looking for its 3rd SWC title in a row.

Led by Julian Herring, who will be a senior this year, the Cadets won four out of five meets during the past season, losing only to the powerful Oklahoma Aggies in Stillwater, Okla.

The Maroon and White harriers boast wins over North Texas State, the University of Oklahoma, and Texas University in dual meets and won the SWC crown last November in the meet held in Austin with Herring winning the individual title in course record time.

Team Letterman

Other lettermen on the team were John Garmann, Jim McMahon, Jack Jones, Jerry Bonnen, and Alex Ortiz. All of the Aggie lettermen finished in the top ten places in the conference meet with the exception of Ortiz, who finished eleventh.

Tom Rodgers, TU's soph ace, was second by a step and James Brown, this spring's two-mile champion in track from Arkansas was third, followed by Garmann who finished fourth.

Prospects for the fall are exceptionally bright with five lettermen returning. The only letterman lost by the team will be Bonnen, who was graduated last

June. Herring and Ortiz will be seniors this year while McMahon, Garmann, and Jones will be juniors.

Chances Rest On Five

On these five boys will rest the chances for another conference cross country championship, and, barring some unforeseen accident, they should be successful in their attempt.

Strongest competition will come from the always tough Longhorns, who will have Rodgers, Don Sparks, and Lowell Hawkinson to form the nucleus of the team. Rodgers did not compete in track



Julian Herring
SWC Cross Country Champ

last spring due to injuries while Hawkinson was runner-up in the conference 800.

Arkansas remarkable strong last year, will be a definite threat this fall with Brown and James West leading the boys from the Ozarks.

West was second behind Brown in the track conference two-mile last spring. Also aiding the Arkansas cause will be Oliver Gatchell and Tom Hardin, who were third and fourth, respectively, in the track conference mile last May.

A&M Football Schedule for 1950

1950 Schedule	1949 Results
Sept. 23 (N) Univ. of Nev. at Sacramento	A&M 0 Villanova35
Sept. 30 (N) Texas Tech at San Antonio	A&M 26 Texas Tech 7
Oct. 7 Univ. of Okla. at Norman	A&M 13 Oklahoma33
Oct. 14 (N) V.M.I. at College Station	A&M 0 L.S.U.34
Oct. 21 T.C.U. at College Station	A&M 6 T.C.U.28
Oct. 28 Baylor at Waco.	A&M 0 Baylor21
Nov. 4 (N) Arkansas at College Station	A&M 6 Arkansas27
Nov. 11 S.M.U. at Dallas (Cotton Bowl)	A&M 27 S.M.U.27
Nov. 18 Rice at College Station	A&M 0 Rice13
Nov. 30 Univ. of Texas at Austin	A&M 14 Texas42
(N)—night games	



Harry Stiteler
A&M Head Football Coach

At the beginning of another year, I wish to extend greetings to all freshmen and upper-classmen. We are happy to have the freshmen cast their lot with us and to have the upper-classmen back to continue their work.

The entire football staff is ready, willing, and anxious to be of any service to you at any time. We realize what you mean to us so we are soliciting your efforts, backing and support in order that we might carry on in a big way.

We feel that this season our boys will be experienced enough and deep enough in all positions to be able to compete Saturday by Saturday, and with a little luck, along with effort and fine support, we can have a good season.

We are looking forward to 1950-51.

Sincerely,
Harry Stiteler
Head Football Coach