

Reserves Indicate Ags True Strength

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With the beginning of the 1950 grid season, the A&M football squad will be boasting its strongest team since Head Coach Harry Stiteler took over his present duties. The Aggies will be stronger in the respect that they will be approximately three deep on the line and two deep in the backfield.

This strength, however, doesn't mean that the Cadets will finish at the top of the SWC race. Now is the time that the attitude of the football team and the coaches will be put to a real test.

The big reason for this is that other teams in the conference will also be boasting strong teams, two of which "crystal ballers" rate among the top twenty in the nation.

During the past two seasons, A&M has won only one game, tied two, and lost 17. The win was over Texas Tech, and the ties were with the University of Texas and SMU. The fact remains that present students, and Aggie fans are eager and waiting to hear once again the Aggie victory yell—"Lizzie".

The last Cadet Southwest Conference victory was when the Aggies stomped the Baylor Bruins, 24-0, in 1947—the same year they tied the Arkansas Razorbacks, 21-21.

Glancing over the crop of players at A&M, we see that Coach Stiteler has the material to form at least one good team, with suitable replacements, but even this is not possible without the complete support of the players themselves. By this, we mean, that each player must add more to the effort that he is already exerting, and must come through with even more than is expected of him in order that the team can finish higher in the SWC race and win a greater portion of its games.

We don't mean that the workouts which the team has been carrying on each day (two every day) are easy on the players or the coaches who together form the team. What we are trying to put over is that the players themselves hold the winning cards, and should they follow through this year with a greater amount of "will to win," willingness to work at practice, and desire to learn the game in scrimmage instead of on the field, the Cadet eleven will finish considerably higher than everyone expects.

Quarterback Still Big Question Mark

At the present time, the big question in the mind of Coach Stiteler continues to be who will be the top quarterback? The choice is from one letterman, a squadman, and two sophomores.

Dick Gardemal continues to be the pace setter, having a year of varsity experience which should prove more helpful as the season gets underway. Squadman Delmar Sikes was looking better yesterday as he completed several forward passes during practice.

Darrow Hooper and Ray Graves, both sophomores, seemed likely subs should Gardemal falter. Hooper is still weak on his deception but his ability to throw long passes will probably have him in the man-under slot some during the season. Graves, on the other hand, is more successful with the shorter passes and may be the big gun that the Cadets need.

In the Fish games last year, Graves completed four passes for touchdowns and scored once on an intercepted pass. Hooper followed present line-backer-end Walter Hill in scoring, 14 to 18. Eight of Hooper's points were on PATs which came about in 12 tries.

Bruin's Bob Smith was looking up considerably in yesterday's practice although his shins continued to give him trouble with the bruises which are thereon, while West Texas' answer to Bruin's Bob, Bernie Lemmons, is continuing to push same for the fullback position.

At the present halfback posts, Glenn Lippman and Billy Tidwell seem to be on the inside track for the offensive posts of the Cadet quarter with Buddy Shaeffer and Tidwell sharing duties on one side of the defense, and Lippman and John Christensen, who for the first time yesterday was in full uniform since the beginning of the Fall training, completing the halfback posts on defense.

Seven Two-Year Lettermen on Line

For the first time in the past three years, the Cadet line contains seven two-year letterman seniors of the eight on the team and also have the only three-year letterman on the squad.

Entering the ground ends through centers, only Cedric Copeland, the shortest and probably one of the best receivers on the end post for the Farmers, holds two letters at the edge of the line position.

Moving inward over the tackles who include the largest number of seniors with two-awards, Tuck Chapin, Mickey Spencer, and

"Amos and Andy" Includes Andy Hillhouse

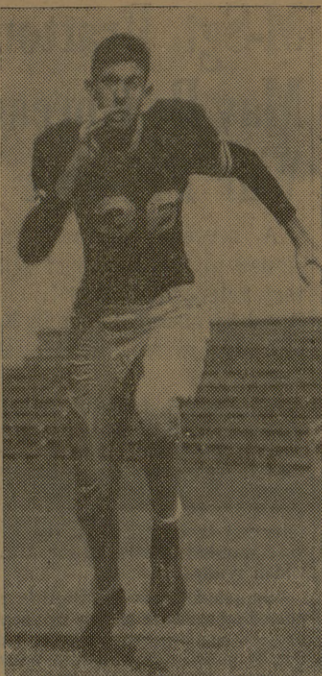
Short, short, stories: Big Aggie end Andy Hillhouse has started calling almost ever one whom he is in contact with "Amos". It seems that the big fellow has been listening to the program "Amos and Andy" . . . His name being Andy, it's very easy for him to call others "Amos", and he does, which brings about many humorous situations. . . .

Flowers Transferred From Fullback at TCU

Fort Worth, Tex., Sept. 12 (AP)—Big news at Texas Christian yesterday was the transfer of 202-pound fullback Keith Flowers to tackle, a position at which the Frog gridmen are sorely in need of talent. That marks the second such move in two days.

Another fullback, Homer Ludiker, the extra point kicker, was moved to tackle Saturday and played an outstanding defense game at the post in the first "game condition" scrimmage for the Frogs that day.

The Frogs still found time to scrimmage this afternoon following a session with photographers.



Bob Barlow

An up and coming tackle is Barlow, who is one of the fastest linemen on the team for his weight of 165 pounds.

Hubert Named Best Prospect

Wichita, Kas., Sept. 12 (AP)—The Fort Wayne, Ind., Capeharts — winning their fourth straight title — and the St. Joseph, Mich., Auscos dominate the All-American team of the Annual National Semipro Baseball tourney.

In another all-star team of baseball youngsters—tagged best prospects for organized ball — three players each are from the Honolulu Hawaii, Braves and the Alpine, Texas, Cowboys.

The "All-American" team, including players of pro experience, included:

First base—Tom McBride, Sinton, Texas Oilers.

Outfielder—Briggs Dave Pluss, Sinton, Texas.

The best prospects team included:

Catchers—Bill Looney of TCU, Alpine, Texas, Cowboys.

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Second base—Hal Haynes of SMU, Sinton, Texas.

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SWC Optimism . . .

Coaches Causing Confusion

Dallas, Sept. 12 (AP)—Southwest Conference coaches have caused confusion by being optimistic and claiming they'll all field good football teams. Now the critics are having trouble try to figure out what school will finish last. They've already decided Texas will be first.

The nearest to pessimism is Coach Blair Cherry's acrid remarks directed at the magazines for making his Texas team such a hot-spot outfit and the newspapers for picking the Longhorns to sweep through undefeated.

Cherry admits the Longhorns should be considered top championship contenders but of no more prominence than Southern Methodist, Texas Christian and Arkansas.

General opinion is that the conference title will ride on the Nov. 4 battle at Austin between Texas and Southern Methodist. But there's also great respect among the coaches and fans alike for a massive Arkansas team that bulges with veterans and power.

Aggies to Win 50%

Texas Christian thinks it has its best backfields since the war, Texas A&M expects to win 50 percent of its games after going two seasons during which it won only one, Rice has what appears to be the finest backfield in the section and Baylor anticipates a much stronger defense than it boasted last year when it won eight games while losing two and finished second to Rice in the championship race.

Cherry Has Good Men

But he has plenty of good men at the other spots. He has 17 line veterans headed by Bud McFadin, who already is hearing the All-America birdies sing.

The only team in the conference that might be able to meet Texas on even terms in the line appears to be Arkansas. That's the reason the Razorbacks are being rated so highly this season.

The at-home advantage, if there is such a thing, rests with Texas Christian, which gets Arkansas and Southern Methodist both in Fort Worth. Southern Methodist, of course, is least favored in the schedule, having to play both Texas and Arkansas away.

However, last season pretty well demonstrated that it doesn't make much difference where you play them in this conference. Rice, which won the championship, got Texas, Southern Methodist and Texas Christian all on the road.

A&M Consolidated Meets Madisonville Here, Friday Night

A & M Consolidated's football team will open its 1950 season Friday night at 8 in the Tiger Stadium against Madisonville. The Tiger's opponents have already played a game this season, receiving a defeat from the hands of Hearne last week, 20-0.

Coach Othel Chafin expects all his players to be ready to go in

The A&M Consolidated Tigers will hold a practice session tonight under the lights at Tiger Stadium beginning at 7, according to Head Coach Othel Chafin.

Friday's game although three are injured.

Guards Jack Burchard and Dan Williams, and Tackle Melvin Free were working out yesterday, although they are injured.

Last year when the Tigers and Madisonville met the Consolidated gridsters barely edged the neighboring town, 19-18, and this year game should also be a thriller.

Tigers Favored

Although the Tigers are favored in this contest as they are in the district race along with Smithville, Coach Chafin showed no signs of optimism yesterday as he put his squad through a rigorous work out.

Baylor Practicing On Wyoming Plays

Waco, Tex., Sept. 12 (AP)—Baylor's B team tried Wyoming plays against Baylor's defensive combination yesterday and Coach George Sauer said "we looked pretty good — we stopped them very well. Of course, that's not what we'll really go up against next week when we open against Wyoming, however."

Hayden Fry, regular quarterback, worked yesterday and gave indications that a shoulder injury suffered in scrimmage Saturday wasn't severe.

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Goodman Holds Lead

Chicago, Sept. 12 (AP)—Boston's Bill Goodman still held a substantial lead in the American League batting race yesterday with .361, but the surprise of last week was a 22-point surge by Detroit's Hoot Evers.

Evers, who massed a sensational total of 20 hits in 29 AB's, climbed from .318 to a third-spot .340 during the week.

The Maroons will be using a two platoon system although some of the players will be drawing double duty.

Starting on offense will be Jack Burchard at right end weighing 165 pounds, Royce Rodgers at left tackle weighing 160 pounds, and Eddie Gathrie at left guard weighing 190 pounds. Bobby Smith will start at center and 200-pound right guard Melvin Free will also start, providing his injuries are cleared up by Friday.

Right tackle Bob Barlow will be starting and Billy Richards at 155 pounds will start with the whistle at right end.

The backfield which averages 147 pounds will include George Johnston at quarterback, Bobby Williams at left half and Jerry Leighton at right with Roland Jones at fullback.

Along with some of the starting offensive team, the defensive eleven will be chosen from Luzon Beauchamp, Dave Bonnen, Dan Williams, Bobby Williams, Billy Richards, and Richard Guthrie.



Roland Jones

Being the power runner for the team in the fullback slot is fairly easy for Jones who at 150 pounds will be after his second Friday this fall and will start Friday night against Madisonville.



Bobby Williams

Williams considered to be the best back on the A&M Consolidated eleven has lettered two of his three years while playing with the Tigers, and weighs in at 145 pounds at the halfback position.

SMU Working On Defense Against T

Dallas, Sept. 12 (AP)—Southern Methodist University's gridgers worked long and hard on stopping the T formation yesterday.

Looking toward the opening game of the season Sept. 23 against Georgia Tech and its T, Coach H. N. Russell had the boys working every defensive combination imaginable.

He used his top backs on running the T, including Kyle Rote, Chicken Roberts, Rusty Russell, Jr. and Henry Stollenwerck.

Musial Coasting to 4th League Batting Title

New York, Sept. 12 (AP)—Stan Musial of the St. Louis Cardinals appears to be just coasting in to his fourth National League batting championship.

Musial maintained his .359 hitting race last week while Johnny Hopp, who had been running a weak second in the National League race, was shipped from the last-place Pittsburgh Pirates to the pennant-contending New York Yankees in the American League.

Cadets To Hold Secret Practices

Starting today, the A&M football team will be practicing behind locked doors according to Head Coach Harry Stiteler.

The Aggies are beginning their secret workouts in preparation for

the Nevada game which will be played September 23 at Sacramento, Calif. Through yesterday, the Aggies had held open workout on the grounds adjoining Kyle Field, and rail birds were allowable.

Yesterday's workout session which was witnessed by some 300 people who saw the Cadet eleven go through its usual paces, although a real scrimmage was not held.

Towards the end, a form of scrimmage was held with the four quarterbacks—Dick Gardemal, Ray Graves, Darrow Hooper, and Delmar Sikes—throwing passes to receiving ends Andy Hillhouse, Charley Hodge, and Cedric Copeland.

At the present time, according to Head Trainer Bill Dayton, the Aggies are in good shape, and on one is hurt seriously.

Closed practices will probably be held until after the Nevada game, and at press time, it was known as to whether or not an intra-squad game would be held this coming Saturday.

Graves Shines As Whites Trim Maroons, 25 - 6

Ray Graves of Stephenville, making a strong bid for the job of quarterbacking Texas A&M's 1950 football team, turned in a sparkling all-around performance Saturday afternoon in the Aggies' first intra-squad game.

Graves skipped his team to two touchdowns, tossed one touchdown pass, teed a 49-yard kick into the wind and galloped 36 yards from scrimmage after failing to find a receiver in the clear on a pass play.

The "Whites" trimmed the "Maroons," 25-6, with Graves and Dick Gardemal each directing two touchdown drives for the winners.

Bernard Lemmons of Ozona, operating at fullback in the Whites' backfield, displayed more drive than any other back on the field. He scored one touchdown. Yale Lary of Fort Worth, seeing lots of service at left half in addition to handling punting chores, scored for the Whites as did Glenn Lippman and Robert Shaeffer of El Paso.

After penalties, fumbles and strong defensive work had prevented Gardemal, Darrow Hooper and Delmar Sikes from skipping their clubs to a touchdown, Graves took over the White eleven and engineered two touchdowns within five minutes.

Sam Moses' recovery of a Maroon fumble gave the Whites possession 16 yards from pay land. Lemmons blasted through the line for 12 yards on two carries, then Shaeffer took Graves' hand-off and slashed through a hole opened by Center Hugh Meyer and Guard Marshall Rush for the touchdown. A few plays later, Graves whipped a 30-yard pass to Lippman for another score.

Defensive play overshadowed the offense, and the scrimmage was far from satisfactory to Coach Harry Stiteler.

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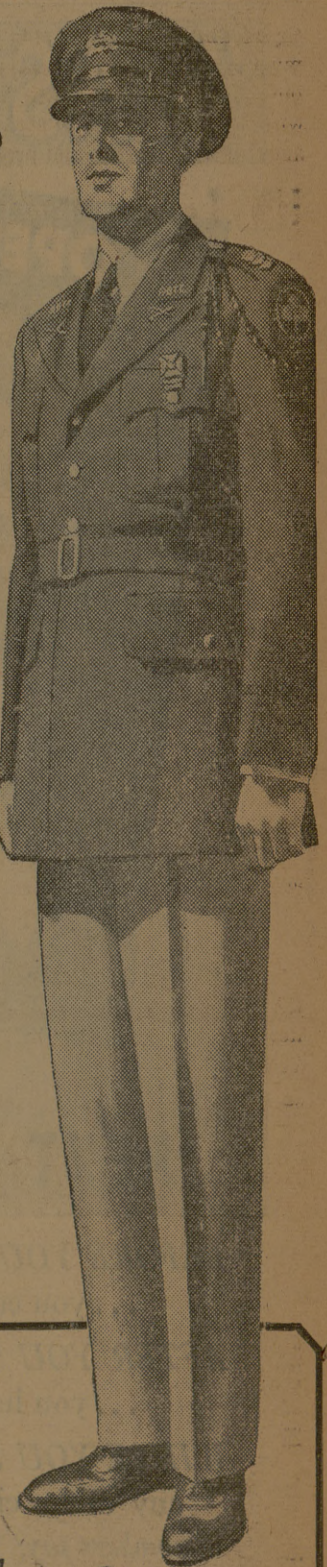
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