

Lack Of Depth Still Main Defense Task

By BOB SELLECK
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Last week-end for the third straight time the Aggies were bothered with their same old problem—lack of depth in the line.



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The Cadet forward line is one of the toughest in the Conference but it is too much to ask from a team that has been playing 45 to 55 minutes straight football to compete against opponents who have had frequent rests or just have entered a game for the first time in the final quarters.

With the possible exception of SMU, all other Southwest schools are two, and sometimes three deep in every line position. A&M knew this problem existed from the start of the season and they developed a semi-platoon system that has been effective, but couldn't continue to work against the double-platoon machine of other schools.

A good example of this is the playing of Jack Little, the Cadet's 220 pound tackle. Little (only in name) played almost the whole game against Arkansas. He was nothing short of sensational both on offense and defense.

Recently, he was chosen to be on Weekly Gridiron Record's Mid-Season All-American Team, which is published by America's foremost sport's analysts.

Two other "bright spots" in the Aggie wall were Alvin Langford and Dick Frey. Langford, 222 pound guard and Frey, 212 pound tackle, were especially outstanding on defense against Arkansas. These two big linemen combined efforts to get the biggest percentage of Aggie tackles.

Key Men Injured

The man who substituted for the top man now needs a substitute. This may be a little confusing but it is a problem that exists in the A&M camp. Bill Ballard, who took over Augie Saxe's defensive position after Saxe was sidelined with a fractured arm, is still in the hospital with kidney trouble.

Buddy Shaeffer ranks as a top replacement in his spot. James Fowler, defensive linebacker, will probably not see action against SMU because of a slow-healing shoulder injury.

Possible replacement here is Marshall Rush, who could vacate his original spot to W. T. Rush, who has been bothered with a bruised hip but will probably be ready this week.

Lippman Leads SWC

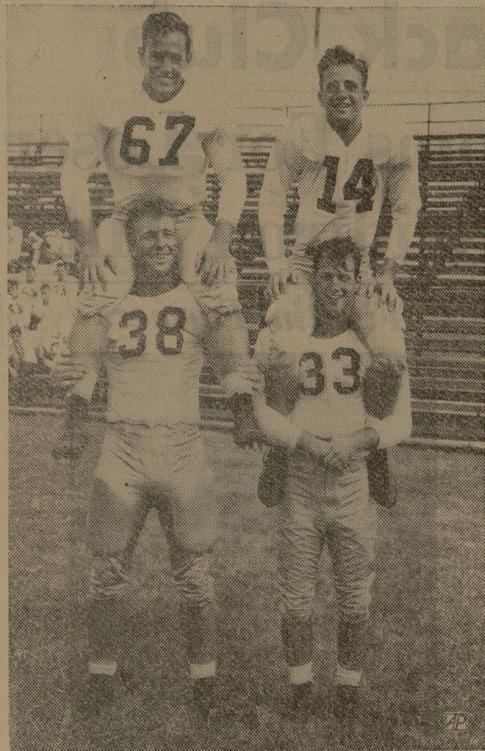
Gallopin' Glenn Lippman is still rolling along as the top ball carrier in the SWC. Glenn has carried the ball 77 times for 521 yards. This gives Lippman a very impressive 6.8 yards average per try. In addition to his running he has also scored five touchdowns.

Yale Lary, Aggie specialist, has returned 16 points for 297 yards and a 18.6 average. He ranks second only to Val Joe Walker, SMU. However, Walker has returned only three punts.

Wanted Athletes—Got Fired

According to an AP report, a Saturday Evening Post article on Navy football said yesterday that former Middle Coach George Sauer was fired at the end of the 1949 season, not because he had a losing team, but because he couldn't reconcile himself to the Navy way of doing things.

SMU Brother Act



These two sets of brothers figure strongly in Southern Methodist University football team. Herschel Forester (67) is a guard and his brother Bill (38) is a back. The Stollenwercks—Sam (41) and Henry (33) are backs.

A&M Holds Edge Over SMU in Series

By BENNY HOLUB
Battalion News Writer

When Bob Smith went through the entire SMU team last year in the final minutes of play, there was many a stunned, but happy Aggie in the stands.

A&M had done the impossible. It was a long three-year dream come true. For three years, the Ponies had dominated the Cadets by close margins of victory. These years they had All-American Doak Walker and Kyle Rote.

The Aggies lost to the championship SMU team in 1947 by a 13-0 count and lost a thrilling 20-14 game in 1948. In 1949, a new name came to be at Texas A&M. The name of Bob Smith! Playing at home, A&M fought the highly-favored Mustang "eleven" to a 27-27 deadlock in one of the year's biggest upsets.

Smith scored three touchdowns and was the Aggie sparkplug during the entire contest. The Mustangs won't soon forget Bob Smith. They would have remembered him enough from the '49 game, but the '50 contest gave them even more of a reason.

The Aggies had outplayed SMU pretty well during the first half,

but late in the fourth quarter, sparked by Rote, the Ponies came back to take a 20-19 lead. For the SMU fans, this was all of it! They had won a thriller with a last minute rally.

But A&M wasn't through, yet! With less than two minutes remaining, Delmar Sikes handed off to Smith who promptly rambled 72 yards through the entire Mustang team.

"Bruisin' Bob" had come through again with the chips down. The Aggies won 25-20 on Smith's run.

Last year's victory was the 17th for A&M in the 33-game series with the Ponies. SMU has won 12, while there have been 4 ties.

In the first A&M-Pony clash back in 1916, A&M walloped the Mustangs 62-0. This is the largest victory ever obtained by the Aggies. SMU has never scored more than 28 points against the Cadets, and they did this in 1934 with a sound 28-0 win.

If this Saturday's game is anything like the A&M-SMU games of the past few years, it promises to be a real thriller. The Mustangs don't have Rote, but they do have Fred Benners to pit against the Cadets.

Basketball Finals Scheduled Tonight

By JOE BLANCHETTE
Battalion Intramural Writer

The Intramural cage finals get under way tonight at 10 p. m. in DeWare Field House. The second game of the finals will begin at 10:45 p. m.

In the first game the cagers of A Seniors will attempt to stop the

high flying quintet from A Infantry. In the second contest B Athletics will match shots with F AF.

Tomorrow night the games will begin at 8 p. m. instead of 10 p. m. as originally scheduled. In the first game K AF opposes C AF and in the finale at 8:45 A Chemical battles C Composite.

D Infantry Wins, 15-13

D Infantry stopped the quintet from I AF yesterday by the close margin of 15-13. Pepper Vineyard of the losers was the high point man of the contest with eight counters. Leonard Birdwell paced the winners with six tallies. The infantrymen led at halftime, 10-6.

Company 7 recorded a 24-12 win over Company 8. Hayes of Company 7 and Bailes of Company 8 racked up eight points each.

C Company 2 won a nip and tuck affair from Company 3, 19-17. Daniels of Company 2 was the high pointer with six digits, all scored in the final half.

Company 13 continued their drive for the crown of the freshman cagers by topping Company 12, 22-14. Graham of the winners was the high scorer with 11 counters.

SMU Mustangs' Grid Offense Rides On Benners Passing Arm

By ED HOLDER
Battalion Sports Staff

The right arm of Fred Benners will be the deciding factor in any game until the final gun is sounded.

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SWC for All-American recognition. He stands 6' 1" and weighs in at 215 pounds.

Co-captain Herschel Forester will play on one side of Hightower at guard with his 220-pound six-foot frame. Forester made the Players' All-Conference team last year, which is an honor for any player.

Ike Robb, 205 pounds and only 5 ft. 10 inches tall, will fill in at the other guard slot. Robb's specialty is downfield blocking, which makes him a standout in most games.

Starting tackles will be Harry Dean, 185 pounds and a six foot tall junior, and Buford Partee, 205 pounds and 6 ft. 1 inch.

One of the better ends in the history of the conference will be on Kyle Field Saturday to catch Benners' aerials. This is Ben White, veteran 205 pound senior from San Antonio.

In last year's games, White caught four touchdown passes and led the team with yards gained in passes caught with a total of 468 yards to his credit.

At the other end spot will be Jimmy Hawn, 185 pound junior from Athens. Hawn used his 6 ft. 2 inch frame last year to snatch down several crucial passes.

Two of these he ran over for touchdowns, and when the final records were computed at the end of the year, he showed up well with 13 passes caught for 229 yards.

At fullback for the Ponies will

be experienced Pat Knight, who led last year's team in minutes played. He filled in at right halfback on the defense and was one of the few 60 minute men of the 1950 eleven.

He paved the way with his blocking last year for his teammates, and although he seldom carried the ball, he could be depended on for yardage needed for a first down.

A 200 pound senior from San Antonio, his driving power is fast becoming well known, and could give the weakened Aggies defense a rough time.

Knight averaged 4.5 yards per carry last season, and rolled up 108 yards on four passes he caught. His longest gain was 72 yards against Texas University.

Musslewhite Threat

Benton Musslewhite has been seeing a lot of action for the Mustangs in their backfield. He is only a junior, and is handicapped by his size. He tips the scales at 170 and stands 5 ft. 11 inches.

He ranked just behind Kyle Rote and Johnny Champion last year in yards gained rushing, and was third on the team with yards gained on passes caught.

Val Joe Walker, 175 pounds and 6 ft. 2 inches tall, is playing his last season of football for the Mustangs. He has seen most of his action on defense in the past, but can be called upon at any time to fill in at halfback of the offensive team.

Sports Thrill of a Lifetime

Moses Remembers '49 Villanova Game

By SAM MOSES
As Told To
PEPE LBLANC

"I guess my greatest thrill was when we played Villanova in 1949.

"It got me by surprise when I found out I was to start.

"I was only a sophomore then. It was just a thrill to play on a varsity team and to start was even a greater thrill.

"I was on defense that year. In fact, I played in only three offensive plays that year.

"I played right across from All-American Sanduski, a tackle.

"After that tackle, I thought that we were going to 'eat' them up—until they gave him (Pasquerella) the ball again.

"The next time he got the ball, he actually 'flew'.

"We lost that game, 0-35, or something like that.

"In that game, there were nine sophomores that started. The other two players were juniors.

"Mickey Spencer was one of the juniors. He was offensive tackle. We all felt pretty low in the locker room after the game.

"We hadn't figured on losing to them that bad.

"Mistakes, made by us had given them their touchdowns.

"Not anyone said a word in the locker room.

"You know how it is when you lose a game. Everybody was that way.

"Harry (Siteler) was pretty well proud of us. We were mainly all sophomores in our first varsity game.

"That year Villanova was ranked high in the nation. They ended up pretty good that year.

"Although we lost the game, it just made me feel good to play college football. And I got this chance to play at A&M."

Frederick (Sam) Moses, is one of A&M's starting offensive tackles.

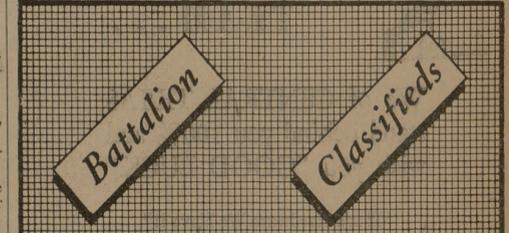
He weighs 220 pounds; is a six feet and three inches tall senior and is of the voting age—21.

Against UCLA this year, Moses performed in his best style. He was constantly that unwanted fifth man in the Bears' backfield.

In fact, he often terminated plays while they were in their infancy stage of becoming a play. He is speedy.

In 1950, he was a part of the "moving wall" for Bob Smith in the SMU game, in which Smith set up his single-game rushing record.

Moses is majoring in business, and is a two-year letterman.



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Pete Hardesty
Business Mgr.
Student Activities

Attention:
All Veterinary students in the School of Veterinary Medicine are excused from their 1 p.m. class on Thursday, Nov. 8, 1951, to hear a lecture by Dr. B. T. Simms, Chief, Bureau of Animal Husbandry, U.S. Dept. of Agriculture.

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