

READY TO THROW—Quarterback Ray Graves (left) and Halfback Don Ellis prepare their firing arms while Head Football Coach Ray George (right) and Backfield Coach Gil Steinke watch.

Aggie Footballers Look Good In Intrasquad Game Saturday

Coach Ray George unleashed his 70-man Aggie football team in intrasquad clashes the last two days during the opening week of practice. First game for the Cadets is against the University of Houston, and 15 days away.

The Aggie mentor had not planned on the heavy work so soon, but when the boys arrived in good shape, and the August heat cooled slightly with the coming of September, he turned them loose for two brief but spirited clashes.

Ray Graves, veteran quarterback, and Don Ellis, promising sophomore, highlighted the heavy contact work.

Sophomores Marvin Tate, Sid Theriot, and Ray Barrett turned in some fine line work. Tate is a likely replacement for the injured Marshall Rush, who is expected to miss the Houston opener.

Other linemen who looked out-

standing were ends Darrow Hooper, Eric Miller, Walter Hill, all lettermen, Norb Ohlendorf and Bennies Sinclair, sophomores.

Tackles Jack Little, Bobby Dixon and Al Langford also looked good this early in the game.

Graves Quarterback

Graves guided one offensive unit which had Ellis, the DeQuincy, La., flash at left half. Ellis was man under on the Split-T with another group while Roy Dollar, senior from Mexia, quarterbacked the third unit.

Although Ellis is a fine Split-T ball-handler, Coach George feels that his running ability is needed more in the same backfield where Graves is equally as good or better a quarterback.

On this unit, where Graves is quarter and Ellis, half, Connie Maguoirk is at full and Raymond Haas and Johnny Salyer alternate at right half. This line has Leo Marquette, center; Tate and Theriot, guards; Durwood Scott, Little and Dixon, tackles and Hooper and Miller, ends.

Marshall Rush, regular guard and second-top man in number of minutes played in 1951 by returning squadmen, is hospitalized this week at Bryan Clinic where he is convalescing following an operation for a fractured face bone.

Rush suffered the break in a non-scrimmage head-on collision with an Aggie on opening day of practice.

Ellis Quarterbacks

On the unit which Ellis quarterbacked, Pete Mayeaux, a New Orleans junior, is at full and Howard Zuch and Warren Anderson are at right half.

Linemen include Bill McMahan, center; Langford and Jack Frey, guards; Lawrence Winkler and Scott, tackles and Ohlendorf and Charles Saxe, ends.

The third offensive unit, quarterbacked by 6-2 Dollar, includes Don Kachtik, full and Juan Coronado and Johnny Caviler, right half; Bob McCarley, center; Bob Gosney and Barrett, guards; Dick Frey and W. G. Blair, tackles and

Jerry Crossman and Sinclair, ends. Graves' passing and running and the slippery running of Don "The Eel" Ellis featured the scrimmages.

Both boys guided their respective squads to several touchdowns and both notched several long runs. Ellis looks equally good at quarter or lefthalf.

Drills Pleasing

In addition to the offensive drills which pleased Coaches George, Gil Steinke, Paul McMurtry and Bill Duncan, the defensive backfield coach, Dalton Faircloth, had his say with some fine pass defensive work on the part of his secondary.

Particularly pleasing was the work in this department of Cooper Robbins, Jr., Don Moore, Henry Clark, Herb Wolf, Bob Stout, Bill Ballard, Joe Schero, Joe Boring and Elwood Kettler.

The Aggies are rated low in the Southwest Conference this season and the chief reason, other than the departure of last year's dream backfield and 11 other stars, is the lack of depth. That's George's big worry.

Lack of Depth

He's well fixed with 10 ends but that's as far as it goes. There are no centers with any experience and only the injured Rush at guards.

The tackles aren't plentiful even with such stalwarts as All-American Little, Dixon, Langford and Dick Frey.

Graves is the most experienced back although Mayeaux, Maguoirk,

Zuch and Salyer played briefly last year.

Key to the success of the Cadets this fall will be how well the sophomores and untried squadmen come through. A&M could surprise a lot of teams but that's only wishful thinking at a stage when the boys haven't even broken in their new shoes and shaken out the kinks and summer muscles.

SWC Notes

By ASSOCIATED PRESS

The emphasis was on fundamentals at SMU yesterday after the Mustangs spent the morning session with visiting writers and photographers.

Coach Rusty Russell put his defensive backs through a brisk pass defense drill, and four players—Don Miller, Val Joe Walker, Gayle Mills and Johnny Crawford—stood out.

Frogs Loaf

TCU's Frogs, still battered from last Saturday's scrimmage, took it a little easier yesterday.

Coach Dutch Meyer sent them through running drill in the morning, then sharpened up on blocking, tackling and passing in the afternoon session.

Ingraham Switched

Versatile Hub Ingraham won a shift to safety in the Texas Longhorns' defensive secondary yesterday to fill the vacancy left by the departed Bobby Dillon, Texas' 1951 All-America ace.

Cleveland's Big '3' Sets Long Workout

CLEVELAND—(AP)—The close American League pennant race is forcing Cleveland Manager Al Lopez to part with the tradition pitchers should get three days of rest between starts.

There is a strong chance the Eastern clubs, who play eight games here in nine days starting tonight, may see one of the Indians' Big Three—Mike Garcia, Early Wynn and Bob Lemon—on the mound to start all eight games.

Before the Easterners leave, Lopez hopes to have made up the two games by which the Tribe trails the New York Yankees.

Wynn Tonight

Wynn hurls tonight against the Philadelphia Athletics, and Lemon and Garcia will follow him, Lopez said, adding:

"I'm thinking of coming back with Wynn Friday against Boston.

Otherwise it will be Steve Gromek. We'll see what happens. If Wynn pitches Friday, Garcia and Lemon also will come back after only two days rest."

The Big Three all favor the idea of more work and have been pushing Lopez to start them oftener than the customary fourth game.

Close to 20

Each of the trio is within a game or two of the 20-victory circle, and within five starts apiece in the remaining 16 games scarcely could miss.

With three fine hurlers not only willing but strong and capable enough to divide the load, Lopez well might use them almost exclusively for the remaining 16 games.

In the last 16 games, the Big Three handled 11—all but one of them from start to finish. They won nine and lost two.

Coach George Says

Cadet Eleven Can Win Any Or All

By ASSOCIATED PRESS

It's all in how you look at it: This business of picking A&M for the cellar in the 1952 Southwest Conference football race.

Almost without exception the coaches and sports writers have chosen the Cadets for the bottom rung. Coach Ray George picks his Aggies to finish third.

George sees Texas Christian, Texas, Arkansas, Rice and Southern Methodist to tie for first. He sees Baylor in second place and his Aggies third. That's his good-natured way of selecting the Cadets for the bottom.

Facts Tell Story

Those who have selected the Aggies for the cellar have done so

on facts. George lost his dream backfield and 16 lettermen. These forecasters who relegate A&M last in the conference figure you can't replace Glenn Lippman, Billy Tidwell, Bob Smith, Yale Lary, Dick Gardemal, Hugh Meyer, et al, and come up with a better team.

But when you consider that George has 17 lettermen returning plus some promising sophomores who may develop there's a chance the Farmers might do somebody some real dirt this season. The saying is pretty well worn about not being able to predict a Southwest Conference race and that upsets are a dime a dozen, but worn out or not, that may be the Aggies' ace in the hole.

Situation Okay

George is in a pleasant situation. His team will be ripe to nip some promising team in the bud which may have eyes on the title. Even he is more optimistic than the sports writers.

"We're going into every game to win, and don't think those boys aren't capable of winning any or all of them. I don't expect us to come out on top every time, but regardless of our losses of experienced players, we will be able to play anyone a good ball game." That's George speaking and he may be more than right.

He has some good men returning, among them All-Conference Tackle Jack Little; a quintet of fine ends in Darrow Hooper, Eric Miller, Charles Saxe, Jerry Crossman and Walter Hill. All are lettermen, Hill earning his "T" in 1950. He was hurt last year.

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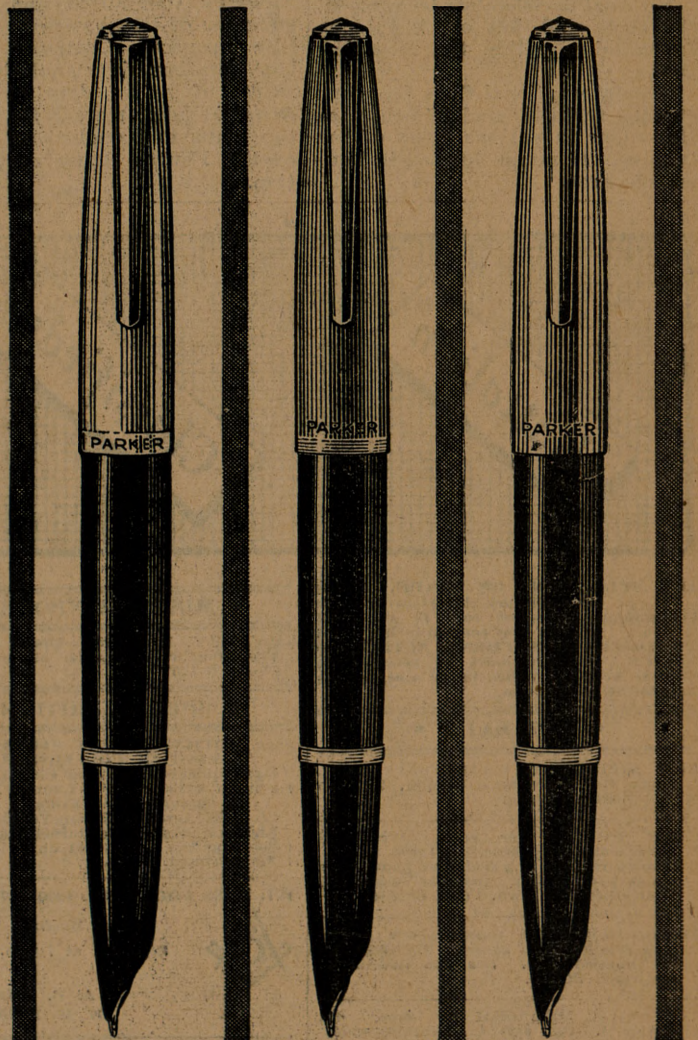
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