# Ellis Passes, Runs, Sparks Backfield

if we keep improving like we have win the conference again." been," remarked starting left halfback Don Ellis, this morning.

from DeQuincey.

on the squad, he stands an even Ellis remarked. six feet, weighs 175 pounds, and is 20 years old.

when his team Ellis

straight "T" offense.

Ineligible last season, the slender Louisiana lad looked good pass-ing and running on the "B" team last fall and also during spring

While on the ineligible squad, and during the spring drills, he played quarterback. But Head Coach Ray George switched him to halfback to take advantage of his speed.

#### Likes Halfback Slot

"I like playing halfback better than quarterback," Ellis said, "but I may run as man under a little Saturday, if the coach calls Ray (Graves) out to talk over some-

think it's a good formation. It is a lot better than the straight "T" safety on the receiving team for the word. and should work pretty good."

"Most of the writers pick us for last, but I don't think we have that bad a team. Texas and Rice are the teams to beat this year,"



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"I think we can heat the Uni-versity of Houston Saturday night, team but I don't think they can

"Houston has some pretty good boys playing for them. Shows (N. Ellis is one of the seven varsity W. Shows, quarterback from Sulplayers from Louisiana, hailing phur, La.), and Hynes (George Hynes, end from Sulphur, La.) One of the three fastest backs played against us in high school."

"They (the Cougars) have some big boys playing line for them, While playing high school ball but I'd rather play against a big for DeQuincey, Ellis ran tail-like Sid (Theriot)." Ellis conback on the tinued. "If we can get past those double wing big boys Saturday night, maybe

formation, then played the man under position coached the DeQuincey high school switched to the team on which Ellis played.

**Ellis** Inspiration

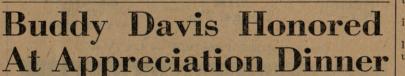
"Ellis was the ball club as far as inspiration and readiness went," Faircloth remembers, "He was a smart back and smart in his studies, too."

"In his senior year Don threw 11 touchdown passes and scored six TD's himself. We went to the one of football's all-time great grade backs—along with Jim Thorpe, At state semi-finals in his junior year," said aFricloth, "and in his Ted Grange and others. senior year we went to the finals in Class A."

Louisiana has three football classes for high schools, class B, class A and class AA.

"He (Ellis) was well known in Louisiana as a defensive back, more than an offensive one. In grade proved the turning point. Doak was in elementary school in football-conscious Dallas, They "We have some split "T" plays this year," continued Ellis, "and I teams as safetyman." Faircloth start playing football there almost as soon as babies learn how to say said. "We plan to use Ellis as

In the kid's informal sandlot kick-offs and we have been toying with the idea of sending him in games Doak usually played in the for fourth-down kicks." for fourth-down kicks."



Aggie-ex Walter (Buddy) | honored at an appreciation dinner Davis, who set an Olympic high- tonight in Beaumont. The Governor Allan Shivers will jump record last summer will be

deliver the principal address of the event. A capacity audience of ap-proximately 300 is already assur-ball and sped and twisted to the ed at the Beaumont A&M Club.

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Bell, Secretary of Ex-Students As-sociation Dick Hervey, and E. E. McQuillen. Tall and lanky Davis, better Will Stage

before last track season, is Texas' first male individual event winner in the history of the Olympics.



At home that night after the first practice, Doak didn't show his usual enthusiasm for football. After a while his dad spoke. "How did practice go, son?"

"It was okay."

"Do you want me to say something to him?"

unexpected way. The coach continued to use him at guard. Then came the first fullscale workout.

The other team had the ball and called a pass play.

Guard Doak same from nowhere, goal line many yards away. That ball-carrying was enough

convince his amazed coach. Doak became a back pronto. He went on to stardom in junior high, Dallas Highland Park High, Southern Methodist University, and now the pro Detroit Lions.

## **Pro Bowlers** Exhibition

A. Nederland product, Davis was deprived of a world high jump record by a technicality at the 1952 Southwest Conference Track Houston's top professional bowling team will bowl an exhibition Lowell Jackson will captain the

# **Cougars Have Best Yet, Are Ready For Aggies**

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The University of Houston Cou-gars look like they will have their best team ever, as the time draws sity and Wyoming. iversity, Baylor, Detroit Univer-sity and Wyoming. Speaking before the annual Houston Junior Chamber of Com-merce football luncheon, Lee said near for their opener against the Aggies.

Although they may not have as concerning his schedule, "In my day you had a couple of breathers good a record when the season ends as the six previous Red and to sort of put your finger on your material and get combinations White squads have had, they will have played tougher teams. There are still a few problems lined up.

at tackle, guard, and halfback, but with the talent available to tude head coach Clyde Lee, these positions should be adequately manned. Lee added.

Ability and Talent

"On the whole, we have more boys with more ability and talent than in any other year," coach Lee about his team. Back from last year's squad that won six and lost five are 21 lettermen. Nineteen men were lost by graduation.

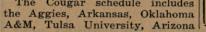
Last season the Cougars rolled up 3,524 yards in 10 games and were ranked nationally among the top 25 teams in this department. Coach Lee has been forced to

rob last season's defensive squad to strengthen this year's offense. Paul Carr was regular defensive

linebacker last season, but has been switched to fullback to give the Cougars power in the backfield.

### "Big" John Carroll

Another case was "Big" John Carroll, the huge 250 pound tackle who was excellent on defense and is now at offensive right tackle. When a dire defensive need develops, the Cougars will probably send Carroll to bolster the line. If played with J. D. Kimmel, 230 "Dad, you stay out of this. This is for me to take care of." And Doak, a quiet, modest fel-low, took care of it. But in an pounds, and Buddy Gillioz, 240 pounds, the Cougars would have one of the heaviest defensive mid-The Cougar schedule includes

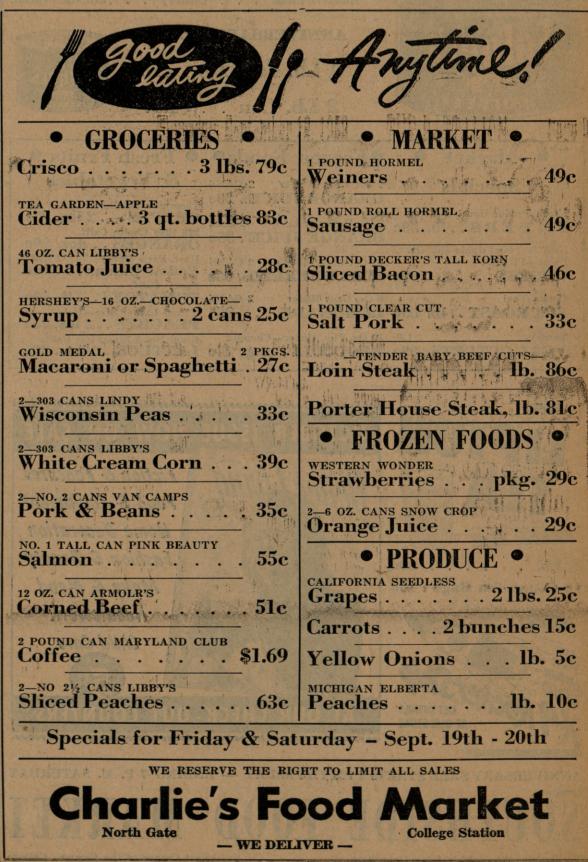


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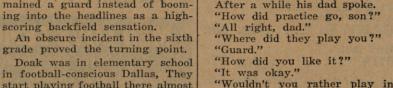
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## "I guess though, that the atti-ude of schedule-makers has changed. My breathers are with the Texas Aggies and Arkansas,'



But oddly, Doak might have remained a guard instead of booming into the headlines as a high-

LITTLE 'BIG' BOY-"Huge" Marvin Tate (left), weighing

182 pounds, and "Gigantic" Sid Theriot, breaking the scales

at 186, will face the smaller guards of the Cougars who

weigh only 210 and 215 respectively. Coach George says,

"They may be light, but they are also tough and deter-

Walker, All-Time Great

"Wouldn't you rather play in the backfield?"

"Oh, I suppose so." "Did you tell the coach that?" "He didn't ask me."



Jackson's squad. Jackson Captain's Squad Jackson was the captain of the Herman Undertaker Team of St. Louis, Mo. This was the nation's top team of 1937 that established a record which hasn't been equalled to this day. Jackson also has a personal recrd of 21 perfect games. To make perfect game, a score of oints is necessary. Billy Welu, nother member of the team, is 0 years old and already the Texas Open Match Game Champion. He recently won the Houston May-Day Single Sweeper with an average of 239 for eight games. Kennedy will bowl as a member of the Aggie team, along with Bernie Hoeffelmeyer, ex-president Bolar Brown, reporter; Jim Koontz, records keeper; and M. H. Butler, sponsor of the squad.