

# Ellis Passes, Runs, Sparks Backfield

"I think we can beat the University of Houston Saturday night, if we keep improving like we have been," remarked starting left halfback Don Ellis, this morning.

Ellis is one of the seven varsity players from Louisiana, hailing from DeQuincey.

One of the three fastest backs on the squad, he stands an even six feet, weighs 175 pounds, and is 20 years old.

While playing high school ball for DeQuincey, Ellis ran tailback on the double wing formation, then played the man under position when his team switched to the straight "T" offense.

Ineligible last season, the slender Louisiana lad looked good passing and running on the "B" team last fall and also during spring practice.

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 something."

"We have some split 'T' plays this year," continued Ellis, "and I think it's a good formation. It is a lot better than the straight 'T' 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,"

Ellis went on. "TCU has a good team but I don't think they can win the conference again."

"Houston has some pretty good boys playing for them. Shows (N. W. Shows, quarterback from Sulphur, La.), and Hynes (George Hynes, end from Sulphur, La.) played against us in high school," Ellis remarked.

"They (the Cougars) have some big boys playing line for them, but I'd rather play against a big man, than one weighing about 185 like Sid (Theriot)." Ellis continued. "If we can get past those big boys Saturday night, maybe we can go all the way."

Dalton Faircloth, who is entering his third year as a member of the Aggie football coaching staff, coached the DeQuincey high school 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 state semi-finals in his junior year," said Faircloth, "and in his 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 fact he made several All-State teams as safetyman," Faircloth said. "We plan to use Ellis as safety on the receiving team for kick-offs and we have been toying with the idea of sending him in for fourth-down kicks."



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 determined."

# Walker, All-Time Great Almost Played Guard

By the Associated Press  
Doak Walker of the Detroit Lions will go into the records as one of football's all-time great backs—along with Jim Thorpe, Ted Grange and others.

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

An obscure incident in the sixth grade proved the turning point. Doak was in elementary school in football-conscious Dallas, they start playing football there almost as soon as babies learn how to say the word.

In the kid's informal sandlot games Doak usually played in the backfield.

Then came the day he reported for his first official session of football practice—in the sixth grade.

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?" "All right, dad."

"Where did they play you?" "Guard."

"How did you like it?" "It was okay."

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

"Oh, I suppose so."

"Did you tell the coach that?" "He didn't ask me."

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

"Dad, you stay out of this. This is for me to take care of."

And Doak, a quiet, modest fellow, took care of it. But in an unexpected way.

The coach continued to use him at guard. Then came the first full-scale workout.

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

Guard Doak came from nowhere, leaped in the air to intercept the ball and sped and twisted to the goal line many yards away.

That ball-carrying was enough to 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.

# Buddy Davis Honored At Appreciation Dinner

Aggie-ex Walter (Buddy) Davis, who set an Olympic high-jump record last summer will be

honored at an appreciation dinner tonight in Beaumont.

The Governor Allan Shivers will deliver the principal address of the event. A capacity audience of approximately 300 is already assured at the Beaumont A&M Club.

Representing A&M  
Representing A&M will be President M. T. Harrington, Dean J. P. Abbott, Dean Howard Barlow, Dean W. L. Penberthy, Athletic Director Bones Irvin, Track Coach Colonel Frank Anderson, member of the Board of Directors Tyree Bell, Secretary of Ex-Students Association Dick Hervey, and E. E. McQuillen.

Tall and lanky Davis, better known for his basketball prowess before last track season, is Texas' first male individual event winner in the history of the Olympics.

A Nederland product, Davis was deprived of a world high jump record by a technicality at the 1952 Southwest Conference Track Meet at Dallas.

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# Pro Bowlers Will Stage Exhibition

Houston's top professional bowling team will bowl an exhibition game tomorrow night in the bowling alley of the MSC.

Lowell Jackson will captain the Houston team which will match skill with the outstanding players of the MSC Bowling Club at 7:30.

Don Ellis, Pat Driskel, Billy Welu, and Berry Risinger make up Jackson's squad.

Jackson's 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 equaled to this day.

Jackson also has a personal record of 21 perfect games. To make a perfect game, a score of 300 points is necessary. Billy Welu, another member of the team, is 20 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; Bolan Brown, reporter; Jim Koontz, records keeper; and M. H. Butler, sponsor of the squad.

# Cougars Have Best Yet, Are Ready For Aggies

The University of Houston Cougars look like they will have their best team ever, as the time draws near for their opener against the Aggies.

Although they may not have as good a record when the season ends as the six previous Red and White squads have had, they will have played tougher teams.

There are still a few problems at tackle, guard, and halfback, but with the talent available to head coach Clyde Lee, these positions should be adequately manned.

Ability and Talent  
"On the whole, we have more boys with more ability and talent than in any other year," says 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 pounds, and Buddy Gilloz, 240 pounds, the Cougars would have one of the heaviest defensive middle lines in collegiate circles.

The Cougar schedule includes the Aggies, Arkansas, Oklahoma A&M, Tulsa University, Arizona

State, Texas Tech, Mississippi University, Baylor, Detroit University and Wyoming.

Speaking before the annual Houston Junior Chamber of Commerce football luncheon, Lee said concerning his schedule, "In my day you had a couple of breathers to sort of put your finger on your material and get combinations lined up."

"I guess though, that the attitude of schedule-makers has changed. My breathers are with the Texas Aggies and Arkansas," Lee added.

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