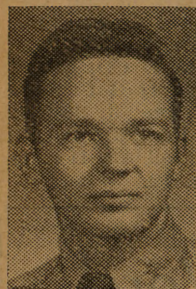


'OLD CODGER' SAYS

Football Players Need More Spirit

By ED HOLDER
Sports Editor



With all the squabble about "Old Army" going on around the campus it might be of interest to enter an opinion of a real old timer on the sports end of the picture.

"We are courteous and character building, but I notice we do not come out on top. As an old grad I say to hell with that."

This is part of a letter I received recently from Merin Mitchell, class of 1917. He said in his letter that he made more touchdowns in one game than any other Aggie in history. He crossed the goal seven times back in 1916 against a supposedly powerful Kollo School of Mines (from Missouri).

After checking the records, we found Mitchell is right. He also cracked a record on the track team, by running the 100 yard dash in 9 4/5 seconds.

Here is the part of his letter from which the above quote was derived:

"This might be of interest to some of you 1952 models. We never even heard of a scholarship. My dad put me through A&M for less than \$1800. If we were good enough we played the full 60 minutes of every game, unless we broke a leg or got thrown out of the game for such slight infractions as sugging or kneeling a man when he was down.

"Our idea was to win and damn the cost. From an old 'sodger's' viewpoint it appears A&M has lost a lot of that fierceness or aggressiveness today. We are courteous and character building—but I notice we do not come out on top. As an old grad I say to hell with that. I would like to see the Aggies win 100-0 in every game they play—knock 'em down and drag 'em out—be courteous at the reception after one game and let character take care of itself after one finishes college.

"But during the game—bust 'em wide open. If one does not like this attitude then there is always tennis or horse shoes to take up.

On the agner side of the picture Mitchell relates an incident which occurred in the "good old days."

"Then, it was in the early days of forward passing and we always had trouble with the Haskell Indians.

No Jersey Numbers

None of us had any numbers on our jerseys and all of those Indians looked alike, dark meated and about the same size. When they made a pass, there would be ten Indians whooping and jumping at the ball—if one of them caught it he would line up at end or in

"In the first place some of these Indians would play four years with Carlisle and then come to Kansas and play four years. They would merely change their name from 'Flying Cloud' to 'Bear Tracks' and be eligible.

back at the next play. "That made him eligible. Some of us knew damn well that he had been playing guard all the game, but to say so to an official—well, might as well save your breath. "Yep, them days was a little rugged—but it sure was fun."

To The Exes

Mitcher now lives in Orlando, Florida, and still takes The Battalion during football season, "to see in detail how we made out." This in itself is evident of the support and loyalty that is so often displayed by the graduates of many moons ago.

To the Aggie exes I would like to say this:

This year's Aggie team has got more of the old "spirit" than I have known to exist at A&M for a long time. And no matter what the score, the 1952 version of the Maroon and White will stick together closer and fight harder than any team to play on Kyle Field for quite some time.

Koontz Bowls High Score of Season

Jim Koontz, senior education major from Houston, recently bowled the highest series of this year at the MSC bowling alley with a 669 score.

This is just four pins short of the alley record. The scores on his three games were 201, 233, and 235.

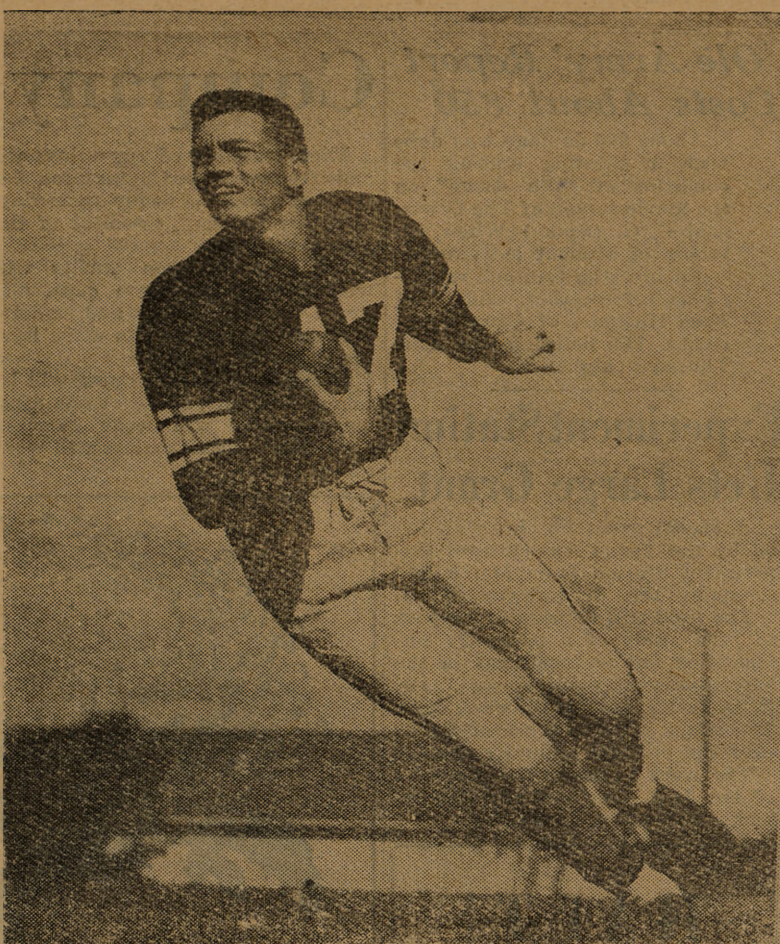
Koontz has been a member of the Aggie Bowling Club for three years, and has been a member of the starting team since he started.

He is one of the most dependable men on the team, and can usually be counted on for a high series. He

boasts a 169 average for the Bowling Club.

"I have seen many bowling matches, and played in many, but my biggest thrill was teaming with Jim Kennedy last year to win the doubles title in the intercollegiate tournament here," said Koontz.

Speaking on the team's chances this year, Koontz said, "I believe we have a better chance to win the conference race this year than we have had since I have been at A&M." The squad has a perfect record so far this year.



Ray Graves

Graves Passes, Runs, Now Kicks

By ED HOLDER
Sports Editor

Ray (Knucks) Graves will continue to hamper the defensive game of A&M's opponents when he leads the Aggies against Arkansas this weekend.

The cool speedy quarterback has turned the tables in many a fan's mind this year.

During the past season Graves was known only as a passer, but after rolling yard after yard on the ground in this year's games, he poses a definite threat for another reason.

Graves Kicks

And not satisfied with merely running and passing, he has decided to try his hand at punting. Against the Bears Graves punted three times for a total yardage of 107. This averages out to 36. He kicked out of bounds once, which lowered his average, but which set Baylor back in the hole.

The slippery quarterback is deadly on end-arounds. Running the split-T type of ball, Graves often has the option of keeping or passing off on end skirts. He often catches the opponent off-guard on this play and slips through for valuable yardage.

Another thing which the cool and sure man-under has demonstrated at the cost of the opponent on many occasions is his recovery

from being sewed up while trying to pass.

He has scored two touchdowns this year when he failed to find a pass receiver and elected to carry the ball.

Perhaps his greatest improvement over last year is his coolness when operating on pass plays. Graves looks his field over carefully, although he might be swarmed by tacklers.

Graves astonished onlookers against Kentucky this year when at one time during the game he had tossed the ball 12 times and came out with 12 completions!

Defensive Backs Prove Decisive In Victory

By JERRY WIZIG
Battalion Sports Staff

Value of an alert pass defense was ably demonstrated by Sq. 20's defensive backfield yesterday.

A wide-awake secondary intercepted enemy passes all over the field to set up four touchdowns as Sq. 20 punched out a 26-9 intramural football win over Sq. 17. Jack Pearson and Bud Ussery were the individual standouts.

Sq. 18's 13 points were matched by Sq. 21, but Sq. 18 rolled up five penetrations to the losers four to eke out a victory in a 13-13 deadlock.

Co. H, Co. C, and Mitchell Hall all scored shutout wins in their contests.

Co. H walloped Co. E, 10-0, Co. C squeezed out a 6-0 win over Sq. 19, and Mitchell beat Law Hall, 7-0.

Basketball Play

In yesterday's basketball games a furious second half assault on the nets paved the way for a 24-10 verdict by Sq. 23 over Co. A. With the score a close 7-4 at the half, the winners poured in 17 points in the last half to pull away.

John McIlhenny scored seven points and Horton Barber accounted for six in the winning rally.

Co. F, smashed Sq. 22 by a 24-7 score. Newman notched six of the loser's points, Sq. 24 had too much by a 26-9 margin. Cobb was high offense for Co. B, smothering them with 11 points. Puryear edged Vet Village, 13-8, with Vern Bippert scoring six points.

Wide Scores Twice

James Wise notched both his teams touchdowns to spark Sq. 6 to a 12-9 football victory over Sq. 11 Monday. B. Dodd caught a touchdown pass for the loser's score.

Don Johnson scored the only touchdown of the game, snaring a pass from Joe Cohen late in the second half to hand Sq. 9 a 6-0 win over A. TC.

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