

THE BATTALION-MSC A&M QUARTERBACK CLUB

Fiery Sophomores Make Up Powerful Mustang Offense



Ray Graves

Fiery, ambitious first year men have combined with a number of seasoned veterans to form the 1952 Mustang Team, which has turned out to be one of the best Red and Blue squads since the days of Doak Walker.

Five offensive and seven defensive starters of the 1951 eleven are back for another year of competition, but some of them are having difficulty in retaining their places in the starting line-ups.

At left end Dave Powell and Jimmy Hawn, both two-lettermen, and Raymond Berry, appear as top candidates on the offense, with Bill Rippery, a regular for two seasons, and Doyle Nix, a 1951 freshman star, as standouts on defense. At the other wing JJim Mahew, Squadman Alex Litowkin, and Sophomore Ed Bernet will give the Ponies both offensive and defensive strength.

At Tackle Positions

Available for the tackle positions are seven lettermen—Bill Forester, Harry Dean, Lou Miller, Wayne Ligon, Jerry Clem, Jim Landers, and Bob Cadwallader. Two newcomers likely to share time with them are Tommy Hairston and Don Goss, a pair of all-state players in their high school days.

Guards include Buford Partee and David Riley, defensive regulars last season; Darrell Lafitte, who lettered last year as a sophomore; Paul Turk, a squadman for two years; and

Joe Basquez, Jim Passons, Bill Crawford, and Rex Winters, a quartet of promising sophomores.

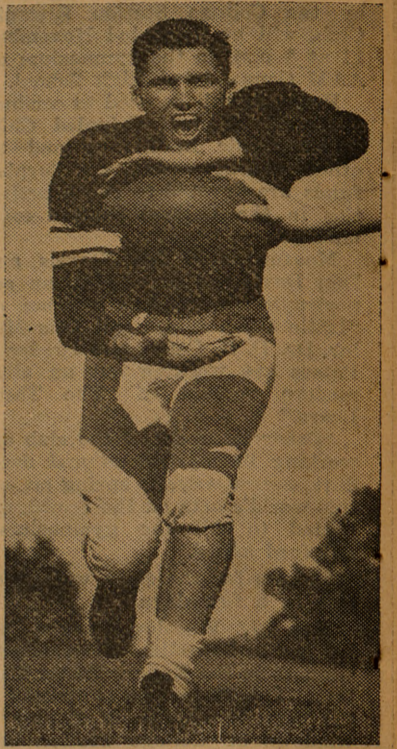
Dick Hightower, consensus center on the All-American team in 1951, has left a big vacancy at the pivot position, but Don Cole and Bill Fox, lettermen, and Bob Hailey, Jim O'Neal and Trent Turpin, first-year candidates, are capable men at the position.

Signal Callers for Ponies

Signal callers for the Ponies will include Benton Musslewhite, a two-letter man; Duane Nutt, Malcolm Bowers, and Hayes Gilliam, a trio of star quarterbacks on the 1951 frosh eleven; and Sam Stollenwerck, who saw some action last season.

At the left halfback will be Jerry Norton, who was the Mustangs' leading ball carrier in seven of the 10 games on the 1951 schedule; Frank Eidom, flashy freshman star of a year ago; Gene Gillis and Bill Crisler, lettermen. Playing right half will be Don Miller and Val Joe Walker, lettermen; Johnny Crawford and Gayle Mills, squadmen; and Roy Pace, a first-year man.

Bill Forester, who doubles at fullback on the offensive, will have help at this position from Dale Moore and Al Hansen, who lettered as sophomores last season, and Tommie Fields, a hard-blocking freshman in 1951.



Don Ellis

Ellis, Rush,

Boring, Langford Give Razorbacks Troubles

Little Don (Babe) Ellis caught three touchdown passes running from halfback Saturday night to earn our nomination for Player of the Week.

And throwing those passes was Ray (Knucks) Graves, versatile quarterback of the Aggies. He ranks as our other offensive Player of the week.

Defensively it was Jody Boring and Al Langford, turning in their usually great games.

Ellis Triple Threat

Ellis has been a constant threat this year running from left halfback. He is speedy, and knives through the holes like a veteran dash man, although this is first year to play varsity ball.

He has carried the ball through the line 72 times this season, and rolled up 301 yards for a 4.1 average. Against Arkansas Ellis charged 7 times for 41 yards and a 5.9 average per carry. In the pass receiving department, Ellis now stands fourth among conference leaders with 26 passes caught and a total yardage of 237 yards. His average per catch is 9.1.

Ellis also worries the opposition as a passer. He takes a pitch-out from Graves once in a while on an end skirt and has the choice of passing or running. The play has proven very effective although he has elected to run most of the time.

Graves Leads Conference

Graves leads the SWC in total offense for the year. He has

handled the ball on either a pass or run for 203 plays and gained 1,046 yards . . . 100 more than the closest contender T. Jones of Texas University.

Secand place in passing over the conference, Graves has tossed 134 times, and completed 78 for 803 yards. He has the best percentage of completions in the SWC with a .582. Against the Razorbacks he threw 31 times and connected on 19 of them for a .613 average and 231 yards.

Hailed by many as the top quarterback in the conference, Graves has displayed a coolness and ability that has made many an enemy coach sit up and take notice. He sparks the team, and keeps the defense worrying if he is going to run or throw.

At one time this year, the slender quarterback was ranked as second in the nation in passing, and eighth over the country in total offense.

Boring Intercepts Five

Because of the fine defensive work turned in by Joe Boring against Arkansas Saturday night, he has been selected defensive back of the week.

Against the Razorbacks, he was a constant menace, intercepting five passes to halt Arkansas drives deep in Aggie territory. Boring now leads the conference in pass interceptions by a large margin with eight.

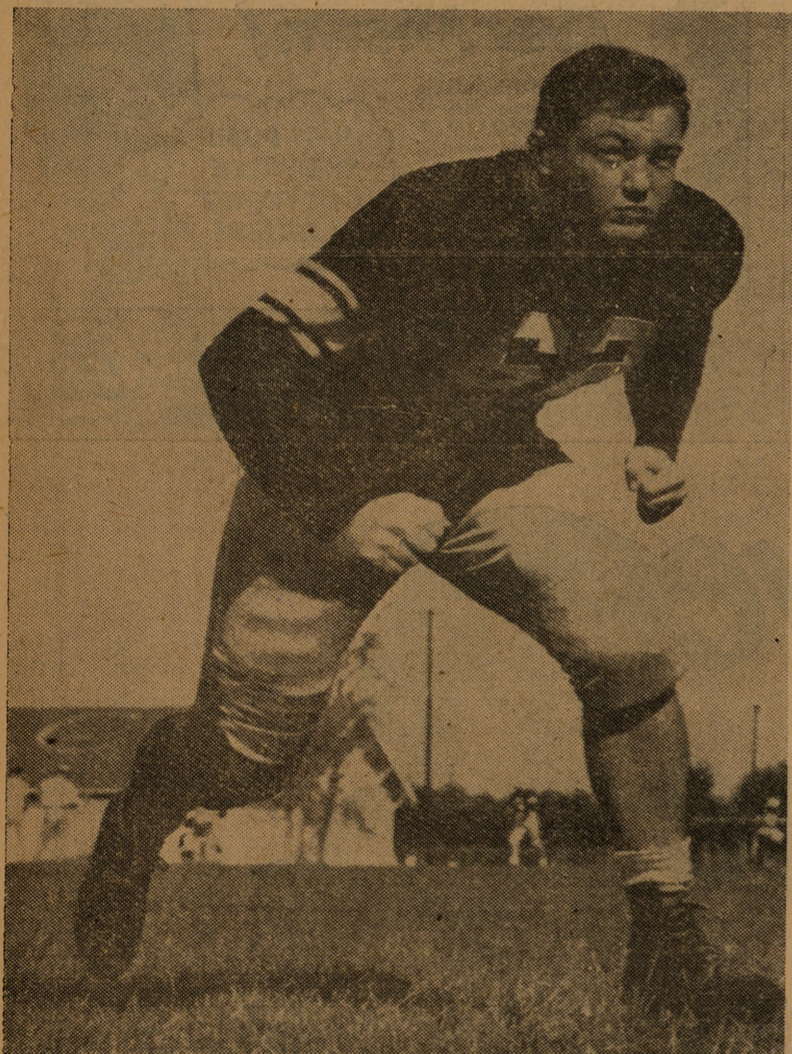
Marshall Rush displayed fine tackling Saturday night to be named defensive lineman of the week.

Rush was a hard man to move in the Aggie line, and was constantly breaking through the Razorback line to break up plays before they could get up steam. Several times he would pull out of his side of the line to move across the field to make tackles.

Rush missed the first three games because of a cracked cheek bone, but since returning to the lineup, has been a standout on the defensive line.



Jody Boring



Alvin Langford

Q. B. Club Tonight

Darrow Hooper, star end and booster of the "automatic toe" for conversions, will speak tonight at 7:30 in the YMCA Chapel at the weekly meeting of the A&M Quarterback Club.

The movie of the Arkansas game will be shown tonight rather than Thursday evening since the freshman team plays a game here on that date. Hooper will narrate the film.

Quarterback

of the
Week

Brazos Varisco



Brazos Varisco, an Aggie by association. It is a long way to be near your favorite school but Brazos did it. He came to the U.S. from Sicily 45 years ago at the age of five.

Starting in 1924 with a bride of a year, six mules and a Brazos bottom farm, Varisco is now one of the leading business men of the Bryan-College Station area.

Largely self educated, Brazos

took out enough time to take three years of Summer Cotton Classes at Texas A&M. He is married and has two married daughters, Mrs. Cosmo Guido of San Antonio and Mrs. Jean Donaho of Bryan.

Mr. Varisco owns several business buildings in Bryan, including the Varisco Building. He and Jean Donaho own the Varisco Lumber Company. Jean is a graduate of Texas A&M.

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