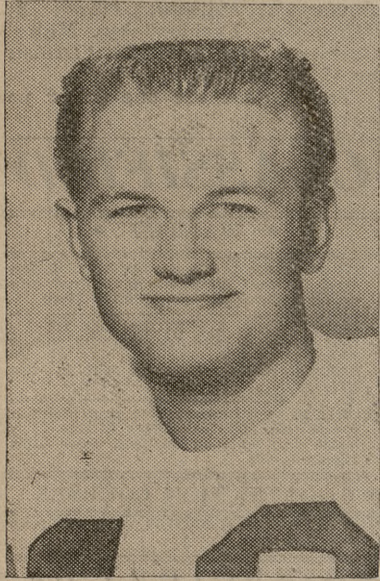


# Aggie-Cougar Tilt May Be Low-Scoring Affair

Defense was the order of the day Tuesday as the Aggie football squad continued preparations for the Saturday night game on Kyle



Bobby Clatterbuck

field with the University of Houston Cougars. The game promises to be a low-scoring affair, since the Cougars are stressing defense in their workouts this week.

Last season, A&M was one of the two teams able to score more than one touchdown against the Cougars, and most of that Missouri Valley conference championship team is back. Paul (Rock) Carr, two-time All-MVC linebacker, heads the fine backfield which Coach Clyde Lee will send out in its season opener. Carr averaged 5.3 yards per carry last year as part-time fullback and is expected to be equally as effective in Iron Man football this season.

Man-under duties for Houston will be handled by Bobby Clatterbuck, senior veteran at the post. Clatterbuck is very deceptive in his ballhandling, and passes well when the ground game slows down. He will be directing the UH split-T attack for the third year.

Tommy Bailes will get the call for one halfback position, while the other will go to Billy Polson.

Bailes, a fine pass receiver, tips the scales at 200 pounds and is a hard-running halfback. Polson, at 175, is lighter but faster.

Buddy Gillioz, 235 pound tackle, is being boomed for All-America honors. He moves with amazing speed, considering his size.

Companion to Gillioz at the other tackle position will probably be Bob Chuoke, 205, all-conference team member.

At ends will be Marvin Durrenburger, 195 pounds, and George Hynes, 190 pounds. However, they both are defensive products of the two-platoon system, and must prove themselves offensively.

Proof of the Houston emphasis on defense would appear to come with the big, bruising guards. Ed Willey, 240 pounds, is the leading candidate for left guard, and Wayne Shoemaker, 210 pounds, amply fills the other guard slot.

The center post will be manned by Ed Wilhelm, 210 pound junior who adds more weight to the hefty tackle-to-tackle array.



FULLBACK PAUL CARR—All-Missouri Valley conference linebacker for the last two years, "The Rock" runs, passes, blocks, punts, catches passes, kicks extra points and kicks off. A co-captain, he had a 5.3 yard per carry average last season.

## Two Tiger Starters Will Miss Rattler Tilt

A&M Consolidated's hopes of continuing its unbeaten string against Navasota received a jolt Tuesday when it was learned that both starting offensive tackles may miss the game.

The Tigers meet unbeaten Class AA Navasota Friday night in Navasota.

Pete Hickman, left tackle and defensive end, broke his hand in the Madisonville game last Friday and is definitely out.

Melvin Frees, right tackle, suffered an appendicitis attack Monday night and is a doubtful starter. Their replacements will come from the following players: George Litton, regular defensive guard; Charles Johnson, another defensive guard; and Robert Cleland, line-backer.

The Tigers scrimmaged and ran through plays Tuesday. The probable starting lineup, excluding tackle, is: Ends Bob Carter and Bobby Jackson; guards, George Sossares and Jim Bond; center, Pinky Cooner; backs, Fred Anderson, Willie Arnold, Bobby Joe Wade and David Bonnen.

## One Platoon Play Poses No Problem to Backs--Faircloth

By Jerry Wizig

If the Kentucky game was any indication, the Aggie backfield, 1953 edition, should not have any trouble playing one platoon football. This comes from the man who should know, Dalton Faircloth, backfield coach.

"I was very well pleased with the showing the backfield made Saturday night," said Faircloth. "The backs showed more in the game than in practice. They must have been saving something for the game."

Faircloth installed the T-formation, unbalanced line offense that the Aggies are using this season and coached defense during the past three seasons.

The object of the unbalanced line is to draw the other team into overshifting its defensive line to meet it, explained Faircloth. This sets up the defense for A&M's weak side line plays.

"We will be primarily a running team, using our passing to keep the defense from bunching up," said Faircloth. He added that the Cadets will use the air without hesitation when the occasion arises, assuring fans of a well-balanced offensive showing.

Michigan State, Michigan, Iowa and Washington State are among other major college football teams that use the same type offense.

Asked about A&M's chances against the University of Houston, Faircloth said, "We stand a pretty

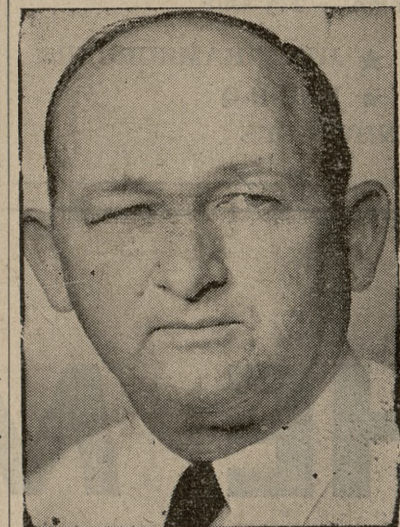
good chance if the ball bounces right."

The Cougar defense, tenth in the nation last season, is reported to be weaker this year. The split-T offense used by Houston is a more wide open style than that employed by Kentucky, according to Faircloth. It depends more on passing and wide running plays.

Faircloth was a highly successful high school coach at DeQuincey, La., home of Don Ellis and Fred Broussard. He was selected coach of the year in Louisiana in 1949, the year before he came to A&M.

Comparing high school football in Louisiana and Texas, Faircloth said the grade of play is about equal. There are only three athletic classes there, instead of the five in Texas. Eligibility rules are the same, he said.

Faircloth earned 12 letters in football, basketball, baseball and track at Louisiana College.



Dalton Faircloth

## A&M Soccer Team Meets Thursday

The A&M soccer team will meet at 7 p. m. Thursday to welcome players and anyone interested in playing on the team. The meeting will be held on the second floor of the YMCA.

The Aggies are the Texas International Soccer league champions. They were runners-up to Busy Bee of San Antonio for the state title.

Bosque county club meeting, room 307, Goodwin hall. Important, election of officers.

Knights of Columbus meeting, basement of St. Mary's chapel. Installation of officers, refreshments.

Club de las Americas meeting, Cabinet room, YMCA. Election of officers. Plans for future meetings. Everybody interested is cordially invited to attend.

## 'Mural Swimming Begins Next Tuesday With Prelims

Intramural swimming for all classes will begin on Tuesday, in P. L. Downs natatorium.

The schedule for the meet follows:

Tuesday, Sept. 29-Preliminaries in 440 foot relay, 300 foot free style, 200 foot breast stroke;

Wednesday, Sept. 30-100 foot backstroke, 300 foot medley relay.

Thursday, Oct. 1 - Diving preliminaries.

Monday, Oct. 5 - Finals in all events.

All non-dormitory students interested in competing in the open handball tournament should register not later than Sept. 30, said Barney Welch, intramural director.

## Fish Baseballers Called for Friday

All freshman baseball candidates will meet at the south side of DeWare Field House at 5 p. m. Friday. They are requested to bring pencils. All freshman students are eligible candidates, said Baseball Coach Beau Bell.

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