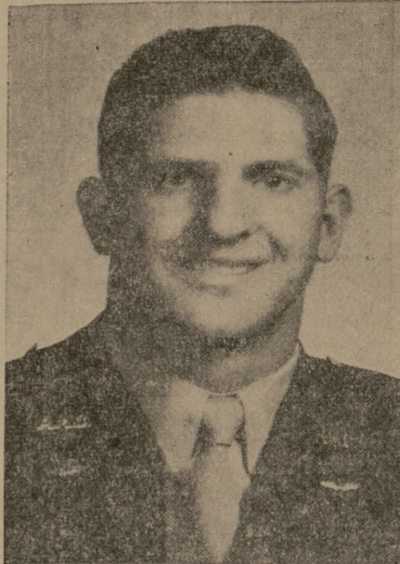


THE BATTALION-MSC A&M QUARTERBACK CLUB



1953 AGGIE STARTERS—These players started most of A&M's 1953 football games. Backs are (left to right) Joe Boring, junior halfback; Don Ellis, senior quarterback; Don Kachtik, junior fullback; and Connie Magourik, senior halfback. Linemen are (left to right) Bennie Sin-

clair, junior end; Durwood Scott, senior tackle and captain; Larry Winkler, junior tackle; Marvin Tate, junior guard; Fred Broussard, sophomore center; and Sid Theriot, junior guard. Not shown is Bill Schroeder, sophomore end.



SOPHOMORE STARTER—Bill Schroeder, A&M's sophomore end, appears to have one of the brightest futures of any Southwest conference second year man. He caught 17 passes for 215 yards for 7th place in the conference and snared 4 for 54 yards against Texas.

'54 All-SWC Team

Next Year's Stars Selected Early

Before the final gun sounds every football season, fans are deluged by dozens of all-America and all-conference teams. Many times these teams are picked by sports writers who never see the players they select in action on the gridiron.

This year The Battalion has selected an all-Southwest conference eleven for 1954, guaranteeing readers their first preview of next season's all-conference selections.

Here is The Battalion's 1954 All-SWC team:

- Ends—Ed Bennett, SMU, 6 feet, 2, 191.
Bennie Sinclair, A&M, 6 feet, 2, 195.
- Tackles—James Ray Smith, Baylor, 6 feet, 3, 215.
Jim Lansford, Texas, 6 feet, 2, 220.
- Guards—Sid Theriot, A&M, 5 feet, 10, 190.
Kenny Paul, Rice, 5 feet, 11, 195.
- Center—Fred Broussard, A&M, 6 feet, 2, 221.
- Backs—Charley Brewer, Texas, 5 feet, 11, 170.
L. G. Dupre, Baylor, 5 feet, 11, 176.
Dicky Moegel, Rice, 6 feet, 167.
Bob Easley, A&M, 5 feet, 11, 214.

A&M has four players, followed by Texas, Rice and Baylor with two each, and SMU, with one.

Some may say that the team has too many Aggies. The reasons for their selection are:

1. Bennie Sinclair was one of the leading ends in the conference this season and is third in pass receiving with 19 catches for 304 yards. Sinclair is fast, has a lot of blocking ability and is a good defender.
2. Sid Theriot would be a cinch if hustle meant everything. But this stumpy scrapper has much more than hustle. His speed, blocking and defensive play tab him as one of next year's outstanding linemen.
3. Until the latter part of the season, Fred Broussard was running a neck-and-neck race with Rice's Leo Rucka for '53 all-conference center. He is one of the outstanding sophomores of the season. His blocking and line-backing opened many an eye in SWC press boxes.
4. Bob Easley is one of the fastest backs in the league but has to improve on defense and blocking. His tremendous potential makes him a solid choice.

Back of the Year

Don Ellis Chosen On Season Play

Virtually unanimous selection as all-conference quarterback is solid endorsement of the Quarterback club selection of Don Ellis as the Aggies' outstanding back of the year.

Ellis guided the young Aggie team to four victories and a tie in the first five games of the season before rugged conference competition began to wear the young team down.

Even in a losing season which ended with an A&M record of four wins, five losses and a tie, Ellis passed and ran to a second place finish in total offense. His 1128 yards gained was good enough for runner-up honors behind Lamar McHan of Arkansas, whose total of 1516 yards led the league.

Ellis finished third among conference passers, with 76 completions out of 171 attempts for 950 yards. He had 14 tosses intercepted and had four passes result in scores.

A senior, Ellis has completed his football eligibility, but plans to move over to the Aggie basketball court in a bid for a spot on the cage squad. He also plays short-stop for the Aggie baseball team.



Don Ellis

Lineman of Year

Theriot Named Best Ag Lineman

Junior Guard Sid Theriot is the Quarterback club lineman of the year.

Other linemen in the running were Ends Bennie Sinclair and Bill Schroeder, one of the best terminal pair in the Southwest conference; Tackle Durwood Scott, team captain; Guard Marvin Tate and Cen-

ter Fred Broussard. Broussard was high in the running for an all-SWC berth until late in the season.

One of the consistently good linemen in the Southwest conference this season, Theriot has been generally overlooked by area sports writers. His fiery defensive play and sharp offensive blocking made him a favorite with A&M football fans and resulted in his selection as the Aggie lineman of the year.

Theriot was selected the Quarterback club's lineman of the week after the Arkansas and Rice games.

At 5 feet, 10, and 190 pounds, Theriot had to bear down to hold his own against the heavier linemen usually playing opposite him. The fact that his name was one of those most frequently mentioned by Aggie opponents shows how well he did his job.

The weak side guard in A&M's unbalanced T offense, Theriot's speed was often responsible for long gains unreeled around the ends by Cadet backs. He is one of the fastest men on the squad and was frequently downfield to deliver vital blocks.

Fans got used to seeing Theriot charge downfield under punts and kickoffs and make the tackle.



Sid Theriot

QB Club To Be Shown Two Movies

Football fans who attend the last 1953 meeting of the Quarterback club will see two films instead of the usual one, said Bob Boriskie, president.

Films of the A&M-University of Texas game and the A&M-Baylor game will be shown. The meeting will be held at 7:30 p. m. Friday in the YMCA Chapel.

The Baylor game film has a sound track, and Jones Ramsey, A&M sports news editor, will narrate the Texas game film.

"We hope the fans have enjoyed the 1953 Quarterback club," said Boriskie.

★ Quarterback of the Week ★



Carl Birdwell, Mgr.

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Football's over, but the school year is just beginning for The Exchange Store.

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