Bryant Not Satisfied; Sends Ags In Early

A&M's first and second-string football teams got their practice session cut short yesterday, but not for the usual reason.

The Red and Blue elevens were sent to the dressing room early by Head Coach Paul Bryant after he didn't like what he saw in a drill which stressed both offense and defense for the Oklahoma A&M game Saturday night in the Cotton Bowl.

HALFBACK BILLY HUDDLESTON
Ran 35 Yards Against Tech

Bryant then gave his attention to the reserves and the Freshmen. The Fish worked out on the other side of the practice field.

Afterwards, Bryant said, "We tried to work on offense and defense, but were unable to get our boys interested." He said he probably would send them through scrimmage today.

The Reds first ran plays against a reserve team, then went on defense against another reserve eleven which ran Oklahoma A&M plays. Assistant Coach Don Ellis, 1953 all-Southwest conference quarterback for the Aggies, quarterbacked the reserve offensive team.

While the Reds worked on offense, the Blues were drilled against the reserve defensive team. A few minutes after the teams had switched, the Blues were stopped as they were running through plays and sent to the shower.

The Reds then were set to work on goal-line defense as the reserves were given the ball on their 5-yard line. Several minutes later, the Reds too went to the showers.

With the first two varsity elevens off the field, the two reserve teams then whipped through a 30-minute session.

While Bryant and Assistant Coaches Jim Owens and Phil Cutchin directed the varsity, about 100 Fish footballers were put through a thorough workout by Assistant Coaches Tom Tipps, Jerry Claiborne, Willie Zapalac, Elmer Smith, Pat James and Lou Karibo.

The Freshmen play the University of Houston freshmen on Kyle field a week from tonight.

Backfield units were teamed with centers and ends and worked on plays while the linemen got a blocking drill. After this the squad was divided into six complete teams and went through plays as a unit to improve their timing and execution.

Winner In Two Starts

CHS Works Hard For Rattler Game

By MAURICE OLIAN
Consolidated Sports Writer

A&M Consolidated's Tigers, unbeaten in their first two games, went through a sharp defensive scrimmage Wednesday as Coach Jim Bevans prepared his team for the Navasota game here Friday night.

The entire squad worked hard on pass defense, downfield blocking and tackling. Bevans, assisted by Edsel Jones, former CHS graduate, also had his extra point combinations practicing in an effort to improve on the Tiger record of three conversions in eight attempts.

Consolidated's probable starting offensive lineup will be: Ends, Jerry Oden, 160 pound senior and Dick Hickman, 148, junior; tackles, George Litton, 170, senior, and Henry Phillips, 154, senior; guards, Jack McNeely, 155, junior, and Manuel Garcia, 150, junior; center, Norman Floeck, 155, junior.

Quarterback, J. B. Carroll, 124, junior; halfbacks, Travis Engelbrecht, 137, senior, and Tommy Barker, 135, senior; fullback, Bobby Joe Wade, 144, senior.

Litton and Engelbrecht are the Tiger co-captains.

CHS has rolled up a 235.5 yard average on the ground and a 52.5 yard average through the air. The Tigers have given up 212.5 yards per game rushing and only 14 yards per game in the air.

Engelbrecht is the leading Consolidated ball carrier, with 205 yards for a 9.3 yard average. Barker has 112 yards in 20 carries, and Wade has gained 106 yards for an 8.8 yard average.

Oklahoma Aggies Strong in MVC

With nine starters back from the 1953 team that tied for the Missouri Valley conference title, Oklahoma A&M, the Aggies' Saturday night foe, again looks like the team to beat in that league.

The Cowpokes licked Wyoming 14-6 last Saturday in their season opener.

Fullback Earl Lunsford and Guard Dale Meinert head the returning veterans, and Coach J. B. Whitworth has only three sophs on the first two teams. However, Quarterback Fred Meyers, a transfer from Army, suffered a dislocated elbow in the Wyoming game, and Whitworth said he did not know how long he would be out.

Lunsford last season was the MVC's leading ground gainer, punching out 748 yards and a 5 yard average. He scored six touchdowns.

Meinert, a 209 pound senior, was shifted to guard from tackle after an all-conference season last year.

If Meyers can't play Saturday night, he probably will be replaced by Paul Cuba, a 175-pound senior.

SPORT SHORTS

By JERRY WIZIG
Battalion Sports Editor

Many of today's football fans have only a vague idea of how the game was played back in the days when the forward pass was still new and few colleges had more than 25-man squads.

The Battalion sports staff received a letter from a former Aggie football player, Merlin Mitchell, '17, describing vividly some portions of the 1916 A&M grid season. Most of the letter is printed here:

"As an old 'codger' I am going to 'lay the brag' (check the records) that I made more touchdowns in one ball game than any other Aggie. Along the latter part of October, 1916, I was tailback for A&M. We played the usual conference games and then, as now, we never knew who was laying for us until the game was over.

"'Jigger' Harlan, fresh out of Princeton, was our coach, and he was an 'inside' player. By that I mean his offensive plays were inside our ends. I never weighed over 155, and when I hit a big line would generally bounce back.

"We had some real characters on the '16 club—'Rail Head' Rogers, center; 'Ox' Ford, guard; 'Shock Head' Jim Crow, tackle; 'Last Tag' Thornton, end; 'Sleepy' Montgomery, tackle; 'Half Wit' Burns, quarterback; and also 'Puny' Wilson, guard. Everybody was always griping about something, but we liked to play football, and we always won more than we lost.

"The Missouri School of Mines came down to visit us. They had polished off several big colleges that season, and allowed they would hang our scalp on their belts, also. We were very congenial the first quarter, which ended 0-0. They soon caught onto our system, and their ends started sucking in.

'Ran Down Many a Jackrabbit'

"'Half Wit' would call me through guard or tackle, and I would generally bounce back. I made a decision based on my background, even running the risk of being substituted.

"In my younger days while riding the lead horse on a binder, in ending up a wheat land Grandpa would stop and let me crawl off the Percheron mare and get a little fresh meat for the table.

"I ran down many a half grown jackrabbit and three-fourths grown cottontail. When I commenced to crowd them, they would start dodging and pretty soon I would 'glom' them. In my three years of college football I never missed a fumble if it was close to my territory.

"Besides that, just the spring before, I cracked a long-standing record by running 100 yards in 9 and 4/5 seconds. I figured I could outrun any man in a football uniform from an even start. I'll never forget it. Early in the second quarter, 'Half Wit' called me off left tackle—we were on our own 40.

"He squirted the ball at me, I hesitated a second, stepped back and hauled it to the left. Once outside, it was a cinch—60 yards for a touchdown.

'I Made Seven Touchdowns'

"In our primitive way of thinking in those B. P. (Before Platoon) days, we allowed that the ball team that made the most touchdowns won the game. We got hot, and apparently it was my day to howl. I made seven touchdowns in that game. We beat them 77-0. Since then, I do not recall their coming back to Aggieland.

"This might be interesting to some of you modern models. We never even heard of a scholarship. My dad put me through A&M for less than $1,800. If we were good enough, we played the full sixty minutes of every game, unless we broke a leg or got thrown out of the game for such slight infractions as slugging or kneeing a man when he was down.

"Our idea was to win and damn the cost. From an old codger'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

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Kittens Open Here Tonight

The Kittens of A&M Consolidated junior high school open their season at home tonight when they meet Madisonville junior high at Tiger field.

Game time is 7:30.

Coach Horace Shaffer plans to start this lineup: Ends, Kirby Jackson and Bobby Ross; tackles, Bennie Jackson and John Beaty; guards, Pete Rodriguez and Royce Hickman; center, Georgie Carroll; quarterback, Edgar Feldman; halfbacks, Sidney Greer and Jim Wright; fullback, John Wayne Todd.

Carroll and Wright are co-captains.

Stengel Signs Two-Year Deal

New York, Sept. 22—(AP)—Casey Stengel, still "surprised" that he failed to win a sixth straight pennant, today signed to manage the New York Yankees for a fourth two-year term through 1956 and promised to rebuild the club.

The grizzled old manager, now 64, will remain the game's highest paid manager at "exceptional money." Neither Stengel nor the Yanks would nail down the exact figures, but it was believed his basic salary is $75,000 a year with a profit sharing pension plan and a bonus edging the figure close to $95,000.

Stengel had managed the Yanks to five pennants and five World Series triumphs since 1949 until beaten by Cleveland this year.

Although the Yanks won more than 100 games in its second place finish to the Indians, Stengel left no doubt many changes will be made.

"Our farm system isn't dead," he said at a press conference. "We came up with Bob Grim and Bill Skowron this year and we may have two more next year.

"We've got to fix our hitting and our pitching. When you get a setback you have to rebuild. Anybody interested in any of the New York Yankees can get in touch with Mr. Weiss (General Manager George Weiss) by phone. With the exception of Yogi Berra and Mickey Mantle I'd listen to talk about any others."

Dressen Mum On Comeback

NEW YORK, Sept. 23—(AP)—Chuck Dressen, former manager of the Brooklyn Dodgers, arrived in New York last night but declined to throw any light on reports he'll be back in the major leagues next year.

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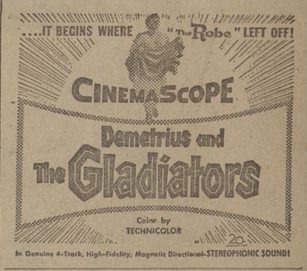

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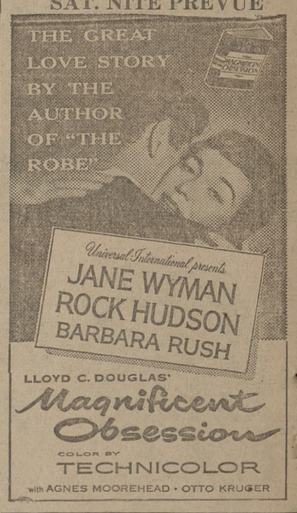

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