

'Col. Andy' Tries for Another Title

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A&M's track teams have swept through six Southwest conference titles in the past eight years under the guiding hand of Frank G. (Col. Andy) Anderson, and when not winning championships have never placed lower than third.

The 64-year-old Aggie mentor begins his 35th year on the campus this season, and as usual is shooting for the conference track crown. A&M placed second to Texas last year.

A&M has dominated the SWC track scene since 1947, when it wrested the leadership from Texas. The Cadets lost only one meet in three years, from 1950-53.

Col. Andy has coached the Aggies to nine SWC championships and five straight Border Olympic titles. His 1951 trackmen ranked

second in the nation only to powerful Southern California. The Aggies finished the season undefeated that year.

Anderson gave up the head coaching job in 1936 to become commandant of A&M's cadet corps, and took over the reins again in 1946. He held the rank of colonel when he retired from the army in 1944. Anderson immediately joined A&M's physical education department, soon afterward transferring to the athletic department.

He was born in Sparta, Tenn., and enrolled at Mississippi State after finishing a brilliant high school athletic career. Anderson played football under D. X. Bible, A&M's great coach of the '20's, at Mississippi.

Almost 50 athletes have come away from the SWC track meet as champions under Col. Andy's

tutelage, and three of them set marks which still stand as conference records. Two of his performers were unanimous all-Americans, and one still holds a world record.

Some of the more recent stars that Anderson has tutored are Bobby Gross, Walter (Buddy) Davis, Darrow Hooper, Dale DeRouen, James Blaine and Bobby Ragsdale.

Hooper is one of the few athletes Col. Andy has coached who was also outstanding in high school.

"He is one of only two boys in the last ten years that I got when Texas wanted them too," said Anderson.

Davis was crowned world's champion high jumper in the 1952 Olympics, and eased over the bar with a leap of 6-11½ the following year at the National AAU meet in Dayton, O., to break the world record. It still stands.

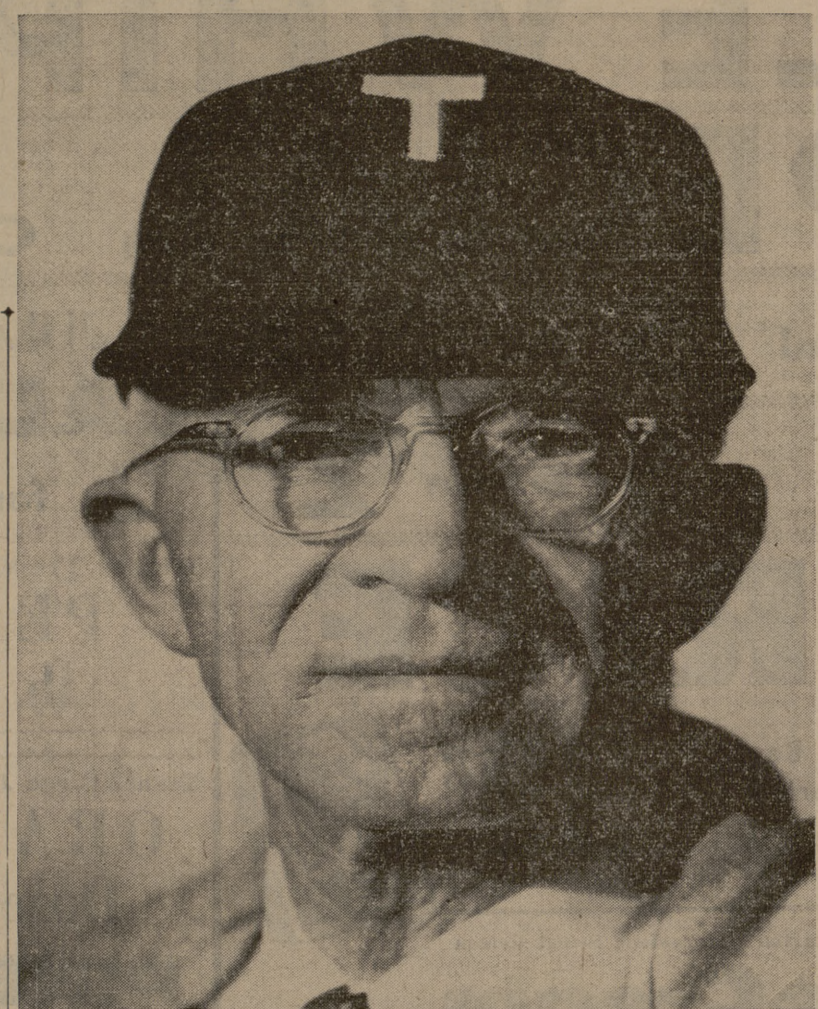
Davis didn't do very well in high school track, in fact he didn't make the state meet. He came to A&M on a basketball scholarship in 1948, and was persuaded by Anderson to come out for track.

Anderson changed Davis' old style of jumping to a "roll" type, in which the body is spread out flat as the jump is made. Two years of hard work paid-off, and Davis won the conference high

jump for two straight years, besides setting the world's record.

Gross, last year's SWC discus and shot put champion, is another example of an unknown's rise to glory under Anderson's capable hands.

He weighed only 170 pounds when he first came here, not very heavy for a weights man, but by lifting bar bells and working steadily has pulled up to 195.



Track Coach Frank G. Anderson
Builder of Champions

Lon Morris Dumps Allen 93-54 for Tourney Title

Fast-breaking, sharp-shooting Lon Morris shot out an early 10-0 lead and coasted to an easy 93-54 win over "flat" Allen academy last night in White coliseum to win the Texas Junior College State basketball tournament.

Texarkana beat Howard County, the team in the tourney with the

best record, 91-77, to take third place. South Texas of Houston downed Decatur Baptist, 79-57, to win the consolation title.

The all-tournament team, picked by the coaches was: Guards Virgil Trower, Odessa, and Jim Knotts, Howard County; forwards, Dean Evans, Lon Morris, Carlos Monte-

mayor, Allen, and Fred Slaugh, South Texas (tie); center, Kenneth Roach, Lon Morris.

Second team — Guards, James Emerson, Lon Morris, Rodney Zachry, Texarkana; forwards, Ray Crooks, Howard County, Clyde Sturgis, San Antonio; center, Carrell Burleson, Texarkana.

Roach, 6-7, and Emerson, 5-6, sparked the Bearcats to a 10-0 lead in the first five and a half minutes as the Ramblers' leading scorer, 6-5 Wayne Lemons, was off form.

Closest Allen came the rest of the game was eight points, the last time at 10-18 on Lemons' turn shot with 10:30 left in the first half.

After that, Evans, Emerson, Roach and guard Billy Tubbs paced Lon Morris to a 44-20 lead at the half. Emerson scored 16 points in the first half and 21 for the night. Evans had 12 at the half and a total of 22, high for the game. Roach totaled 15.

Lon Morris made 15 of 19 free throws in the first half, hitting its first 10.

Lemons scored 14 to lead Allen, which finished the season with a 20-11 record.

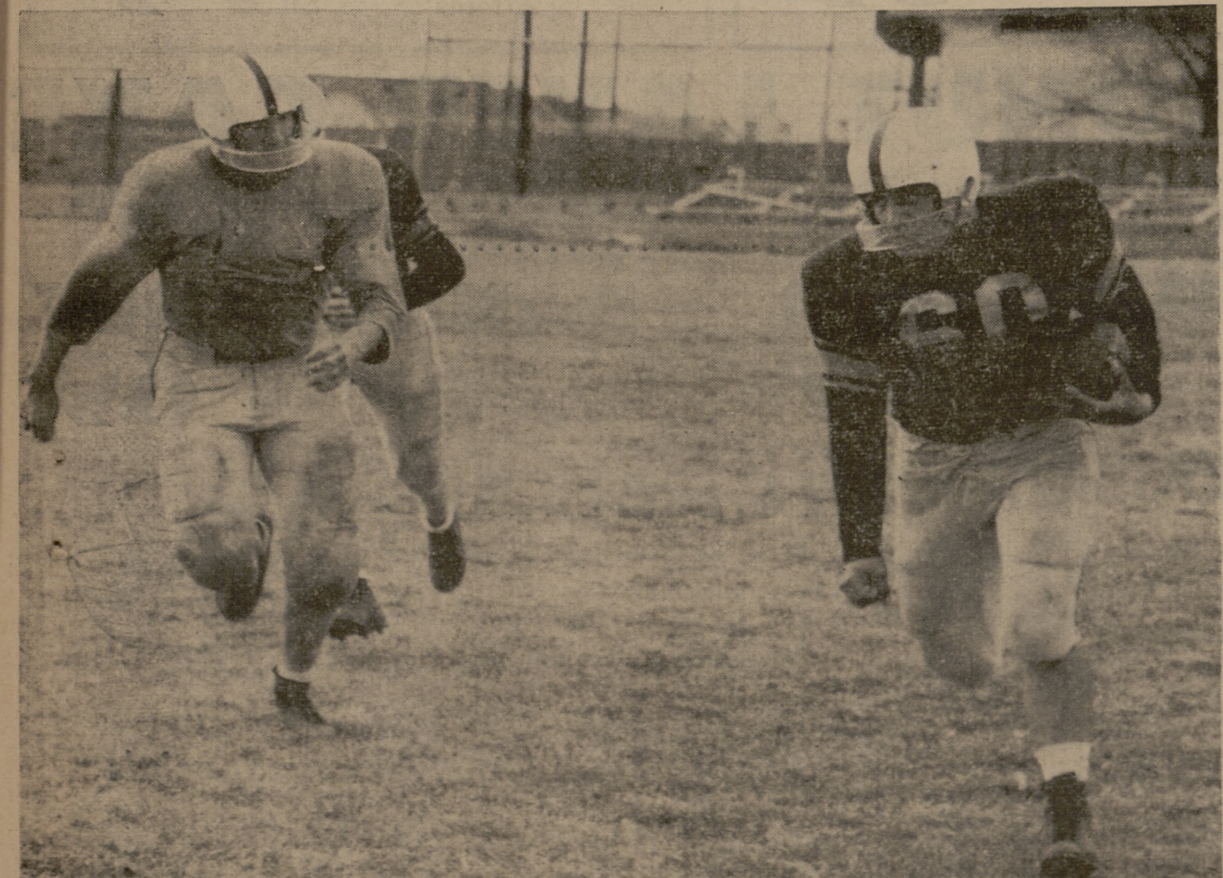
BOX SCORE		FG	FT	PF	TP
LON MORRIS (93)					
Emerson	7	7	1	21	
Tubbs	2	5	4	9	
Roach	6	3	3	15	
Evans	7	8	3	22	
Barker	3	0	1	6	
Moore	1	2	3	4	
Samuels	3	0	4	6	
Fletcher	3	0	1	6	
Ward	2	0	0	4	
TOTALS	34	25	23	93	
ALLAN ACADEMY (54)					
Montemayor	3	4	3	10	
Carolan	2	4	4	8	
Lemons	6	2	4	14	
Lilley	4	0	4	8	
Mosley	3	2	4	8	
Rodriguez	2	3	1	7	
Williams	0	0	1	0	
TOTALS	20	15	21	54	

Halftime: Lon Morris 44-20.



Paul Bryant, Head Coach and Athletic Director
This is His Second Year at A&M

Football Isn't All Glory



WATCH OUT BEHIND YOU—Ed Dudley, 190 pound halfback who will be a sophomore next fall, breaks away for a good gain in a practice scrimmage. Hard work has characterized A&M's spring drills as the Cadet coaching staff tries to get the squad ready for the 1955 opener with UCLA.

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Acting Dean, Basic Division 7312

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