

# ED DUDLEY

OF TEXAS A&M.



A STAR AT PAMPA HIGH SCHOOL, ED IS NOW ONE OF THE AGGIES' LEADING HALF-BACKS. HE WAS A TOP HURDLER IN HIGH SCHOOL AND IS A GOOD PRO BASEBALL PROSPECT. A SOPHOMORE THIS YEAR, ED IS 6-0, 190 LBS. AND 20 YEARS OLD. A HARD RUNNER!

JIM EAZLAR '55

# Roach Solves SMU's Quarterback Problem

By RONNIE GREATHOUSE  
Battalion Sports Editor

Only the absence of a proven quarterback kept SMU from unanimously winning the favorite's role in pre-season SWC polls, and a quick glance at the statistics shows that's no problem now.

Lanky John Roach, who already is a cinch for all-conference honors with some sports writers, is mentioned almost everywhere in the conference's records.

ROACH LEADS the league in punting with an average of 40.7 yards on 16 kicks, is second in total offense with 801 yards, second in passing with 574 yards on 38 completions in 98 throws, and third in punt returns. His 82-yard return of a punt against Rice for a touchdown helped stun the Owls, 20-0.

"He's great, there's no doubt about it," said Assistant Coach Jerry Claiborne, who scouted the Mustangs, "I'd say he's the best quarterback we'll face this year."

Second place finishers last year, the Ponies were the only conference team to defeat the champion Ar-

izona Razorbacks. An extra-point kick in the 13-13 tie with Texas last year would have put them in the Cotton Bowl. The Mustangs have 20 out of 28 lettermen returning—including all but one starter in the center of the line.

Halfbacks Don McIlhenny and John Marshall and fullback Hal O'Brien are acknowledged as the "best running trio in the loop on one team."

UP FRONT the Mustangs are magnificent and monstrous. They will outweigh the Aggies almost 23 pounds per man in the line. Don Goss, 256, Eric Knebel, 240, and Forrest Gregg, 225, form the center of the Pony line. Cadet guard Dennis Goehring will have the task of trying to move Goss and Knebel Saturday night. Dennis weighed in at 183 pounds this week.

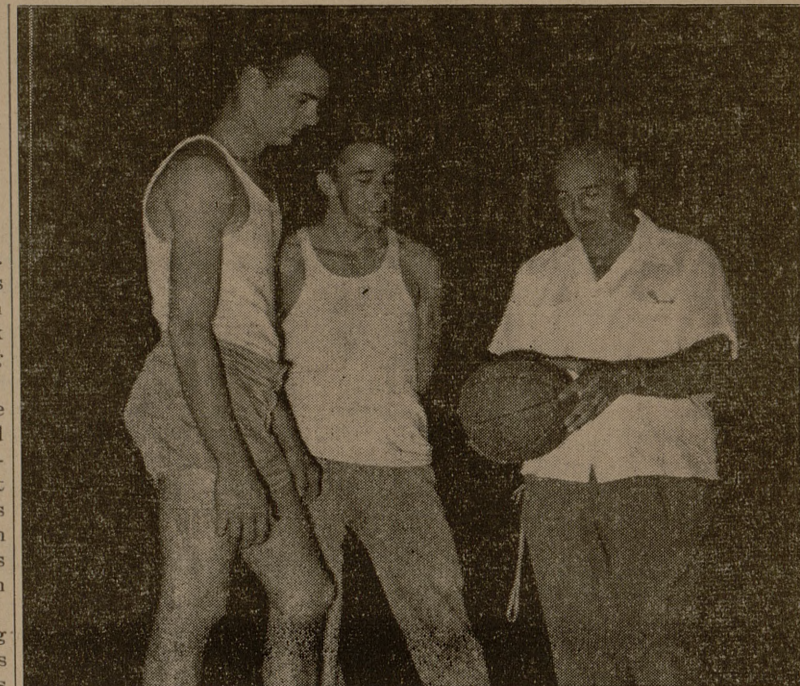
"Let's see, there's about 73 pounds difference in me and Goss," mused Goehring, "Boy! that's a lotta difference."

Bruising Jack Pardee is A&M's leading gainer at present with 352 yards gained on 63 carries for an

average of 5.7 yards per carry. John Crow, back in form again, is second with 261 yards picked up in 44 trips. Pardee and Crow rank fourth and 10th respectively among SWC ball carriers.

Bill Dendy has the best average gain with 7.9 yards. He has ripped off 184 yards in 26 jaunts. Quarterback Jimmy Wright is the best Cadet passer so far with 210 yards and three touchdowns gained on 16 completions. End Bobby Marks is No. 1 in receiving with seven catches for 94 yards.

PARDEE LEADS in scoring with 24 points. Loyd Taylor is second with 16. Ed Dudley tops the Aggies' punters with a healthy 45.8 average on four kicks, and Crow leads in punt returns with 49 yards on four returns.



"THIS, FELLAS, IS A BALL" says Aggie basketball coach Ken Loeffler to two of A&M's top returning lettermen, George Mehaffey (left) and Roger Harvey. The Cadets started basketball drills Monday.



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## SWC's Lightest Guard

# Dennis Is Menace To Bigger Foes

By BARRY HART  
Battalion Sports Writer

Dennis Goehring has a strong claim on the title of "watchcharm guard." Weighing in at 183 pounds the Aggies' starting right guard is the lightest man in the Southwest Conference at that position.

Named Lineman of the Week by the Dallas Morning News for his terrific play against Baylor, Goehring more than makes up for his lack of size with his aggressive style of action and tremendous desire.

The San Marcos Junior was "the top performer in a great Aggie line" said News Sports Editor Bill Rives. A&M's fast-charging line received Baylor coach George Sauer's credit for downing the heavier Bears.

Goehring's aggressive play caused two Baylor fumbles, and coach Paul (Bear) Bryant said, "All our linemen played well, but Dennis was outstanding. It was his best game of the year."

After reviewing the game movies, Bryant had more praise for the smallest of his "Seven Dwarfs": "Goehring was the star of the game. His tackle jarred the ball from quarterback Bobby Jones' hands on the second play of the game. We recovered the ball on the 17-yard line and two plays later scored—behind a block by Dennis. He was the star of the game."

Clark Nealon, Sports Editor of the Houston Post, has placed Goehring on his list of candidates for all-Southwest Conference honors along with Texas' Herb Gray and big Don Goss of SMU. Dennis has also been mentioned for the Houston Post's outstanding lineman award, as well as the potential all-American list.

A letterman in 1954 as a sophomore, Goehring played under Marvin Tate and participated in 470 plays. His speed and desire earned him the starting right guard position over another junior letterman, Dee Powell, and along with his running mate, Jim Stanley, and center Loyd Hale, Dennis is largely responsible for the chunks of running room Jack Pardee has found through the Aggie middle.

A four-year letterman in football at San Marcos High School, Goehring was all-district in his junior and senior years, but A&M was the only school to offer him a scholarship.

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