



DENNIS GOEHRING—A&M's all-SWC guard should be a thorn in the side of many Aggie opponents in 1956. A senior, Goehring will be in the running for all-American honors.

SWC Football Picture Looks Tight With A&M, Baylor, TCU in Title Race

With the whole Southwest Conference picture looking up for 1956, it's hard to choose a winner, but three teams—A&M, Baylor and defending champion TCU are the class of the league and will be the names to contend with for number one honors.

Fort Worth's title-holding Horned Frogs are deep, talented and rough and could start an entire first eleven of two-year lettermen, a situation which probably never has been duplicated in conference history.

Returning for his third and final season is that great all-American halfback, Jim Swink, who was on everybody's all-honor team last fall and monopolized SWC statistics. Swink gained 1283 yards rushing in 1955 and scored 125 points, more than twice his nearest competitors total.

TCU returns 21 lettermen to the "Wind Tunnel" behind their beautiful campus, but may lack the leadership in 1956 that was given them by the departed Hugh Pitts, Bryan Engram and Ray Taylor. Another Pitts, Paul, will be number two man in his brother's old center position behind Joe Williams, who lettered at guard last season.

John Nikkel, Chico Mendoza and Don Sanford are the foremost candidates for Engram's end position with O'Day Williams holding the other terminal. The rest of the Froggie line is familiar to their opponents with all-conference Norman Hamilton and Don Cooper at tackle and Guards Jay McCullough and Vernon Uecker.

Chuck Curtis is back at the man-under position with Vernon Hallbeck and Hal Pollard at fullback and Ken Wineburg or Jimmy Shofner running with Swink from the halves.

Stout Baylor comes up with the happy position of having too many tackles for 1956. Coach Sam Boyd has nine muscular brutes to choose from, all in the 210-220 range.

The four returning lettermen are Bill Glass, Bill Parsley, Fred Britton and Bobby Jack Oliver and they are joined by Paul Dickson, Dave Lunsford, Clyde Letbetter, Charley Horton and Billy Joe Kelly. Lunsford, a junior-college transfer, was a first-line player in 1954 and ineligible last year. Letbetter was a regular way back in 1953 with two years out for military service.

Boyd will move some of these behemoths to guard, of course, where only Willie Froebel and Gilbert Pelton are back. Lee Harrington looks like the number one center and the ends find Tony DeGrazier, Earl Miller, Bill Anderson and Jerry Marcotel holding forth.

Doyle Traylor is again the question mark at quarterback after being injured for two seasons in a row. Charlie Dupre, brother of Baylor great, L. G. Dupre, came on fast in the late stages last year, and again contests Reuben Saage at fullback.

The Bear's biggest need in 1956 will be to get more speed into their running game. Injuries slowed both Del Shofner and Ronnie Guess and if they falter, Farrell Fisher is ready to step in at left half.

If Traylor stays whole the full season, it could be an interesting season for the Golden Bears. Although used largely in spot roles until the last three games, he finished fourth in conference passing with 21 completions in 38 attempts, no sorry record in itself.

Turning to "Forth Acres" and the Texas Longhorns, the outlook seems on the up after one of their poorer seasons in recent years in 1955.

Disaster hit the Steer backfield this summer when their dependable right halfback Ed Hawkins was killed in an automobile accident in

Louisiana. Left half belongs entirely to the fabulous Walter Fondren who can do everything and do it well.

If Larry George's knees don't give out, he will be the other halfback with Curtis Reeves or Carl Wylie contesting him for the number one spot.

Fullback is wide open with a possibility that Wayne Wash, an end in 1955, moving into the gap. Although Joe Clements shared quarterback duty with the departed Charley Brewer last season, he must take a back seat to the brilliant Houston sophomore, Vince Matthews, who comes in with the biggest buildup of any QB since Bobby Layne.

Matthews completed 52 of 101 passing attempts for 623 yards and three touchdowns as a frosh in 1955 and averaged 38.2 on 17 punts.

In the line only two regulars return—tackle Garland Kennon and guard Louis Del Homme. Del-Homme will be moved to center, a position he played in high school at Baytown. Carl Carpenter, Bill Baker and the Wyman twins make tackle stout with the Wyman possibly switching to guard.

If Wash fails to materialize in the backfield, he'll start at end along with Allen Ernst or 6-5 Bob Bryant, who caught 20 passes for 263 yards as a Shorthorn.

The Arkansas Razorbacks, after using the single wing offense for years, made the big switch to the T in 1955 and by the end of the season had begun to get it mastered.

They'll find it easier this year and should be plenty of trouble to their SWC opponents from the Lone Star State. Gone are Henry Moore and Preston Carpenter, who together gained more than half of the Hogs' rushing yardage in '55.

Moore's absence will be felt less than Carpenter's with 5-11, 200-pound Gerald Nesbitt stepping ably into the vacant fullback post. Replacing Carpenter is more difficult with Ronnie Underwood, Benny Berry, Don Ritschell and Dale Boutwell all gunning for the job.

Quarterback again belongs to George Walker and Coach Jack Mitchell finds this his strongest position with Don Christian, Mike Cooney and James Monroe available.

The ends are shallow, but tackle looks good. Billy Ray Smith, strongest man on the squad at 215, is back after being dropped from the squad last year for breaking training.

Turning to SMU, the Ponies suffered more by graduation than any SWC team.

Only 11 lettermen return from the 1955 team that was picked near the top and fell so flat with Tommy Gentry and Smitty Keller the lone regulars back. The Mustangs will be lighter and leaner this year with the line as much as 15 pounds per man smaller.

SMU will continue to operate Coach Woody Woodard's split-T with quarterback once more a problem. The job is expected to go to Charles Arnold, who played about 30 minutes last year, three 11 passes and completed two.

The outlook is lean in Dallas with the schedule again ferocious, starting off with Notre Dame and Georgia Tech.

Speed is the big requisite at Rice for 1956. The Owls, expected to take it in '55, fell so deep they may not get out this year and again will be picked near the bottom.

The 1955 Owls lost all six SWC games, something they had never before accomplished, and won but two of 10 contests.

Three members of the Slimes conference champion team are expected to furnish the speed needed by Coach Jess Neely. Dan Shuford scored four touchdowns as an Owllet, had two more called back and returned two kickoffs all the way. Don Meek was good enough to beat out Shuford for the

1956 Aggie Football Roster

| No. | Player | Pos. | Exp. | Age | Hgt. | Wgt. | Class | Course | Hometown |
|-----|------------------|------|------|-----|---------|------|-------|----------------|--------------------|
| 10 | Hall Sandefur | QB | FL | 19 | 6-0 | 178 | Soph | Bus Adm. | Paducah |
| 11 | Luther Hall | QB | FL | 20 | 6-1/4 | 178 | Soph | Bus Adm. | Dallas |
| 12 | Roddy Osborne | QB | 1VL | 20 | 5-11 | 175 | Jun | Arch | Gainesville |
| 14 | Jimmy Wright | QB | 1VL | 20 | 5-11 | 180 | Jun | Bus Adm. | Edinburg |
| 16 | J. Carbone | QB | Fu | 19 | 5-11 | 180 | Soph | Civ Eng. | Fairmont, W. Va. |
| 21 | John Polk | LH | FL | 19 | 5-8 1/2 | 170 | Soph | Pet Eng. | McAllen |
| 24 | Don Watson | RH | 2VL | 22 | 5-10 | 155 | Sen | Education | Franklin |
| 25 | Ed Dudley | RH | 1VL | 21 | 6-0 | 185 | Jun | Bus Adm. | Pampa |
| 28 | Carlos Esquivel | LH | Sqd | 21 | 5-10 | 158 | Jun | Geology | Edinburg |
| 29 | Kenneth Hall | LH | Sqd | 20 | 6-1 | 200 | Jun | Indus Tech | Sugarland |
| 30 | Richard Gay | FB | Fu | 19 | 5-11 | 185 | Soph | Eng. | Shreveport, La. |
| 32 | Jack Pardee | FB | 2VL | 20 | 6-2 | 212 | Sen | Bus Adm. | Christoval |
| 37 | George Gillar | FB | 1VL | 21 | 5-10 | 180 | Sen | Civil Eng. | Hallettsville |
| 40 | Bobby Conrad | RH | 1VL | 20 | 6-1/2 | 180 | Jun | Bus Adm. | Clifton |
| 41 | John Martin | RH | FL | 20 | 5-10 | 175 | Soph | Bus Adm. | Trinity |
| 42 | Don McClelland | RH | Sqd | 20 | 6-2 | 170 | Soph | Ind Educ | Crowley, La. |
| 44 | John Crow | LH | 1VL | 20 | 6-2 | 195 | Jun | Bus Adm. | Springhill, La. |
| 45 | Lloyd Taylor | RH | 1VL | 20 | 5-8 | 170 | Jun | Ind Educ | Roswell, N. Mex. |
| 50 | Lloyd Hale | C | 2VL | 21 | 5-11 | 188 | Sen | Pet Eng. | Iraan |
| 52 | Stan Roper | C | FL | 19 | 5-11 | 180 | Soph | Education | Austin |
| 53 | Richard Goff | C | FL | 19 | 6-0 | 185 | Soph | Engineering | Houston |
| 54 | John Gilbert | C | 1VL | 19 | 6-1 | 182 | Jun | Ind Educ | Russellville, Ark. |
| 55 | Dee Powell | C | 2VL | 20 | 6-1 | 187 | Sen | Phys Educ | Lockhart |
| 56 | Allen Goehring | C | FL | 19 | 5-11 | 180 | Soph | Bus Adm. | San Marcos |
| 60 | Jim Stanley | LG | 1VL | 21 | 6-1 | 193 | Jun | Bus Adm. | Lynch, Ky. |
| 61 | Jerry Cramer | RG | FL | 19 | 6-0 | 200 | Soph | Phys Educ | Breckenridge |
| 62 | Dennis Goehring | RG | 2VL | 21 | 5-11 | 186 | Sen | Geology | San Marcos |
| 63 | Harold Price | LG | FL | 19 | 6-1/2 | 193 | Soph | Civil Eng. | Comanche |
| 64 | M. Trimble | LG | 1VL | 20 | 6-0 | 184 | Jun | Phys Educ | Hanceville, Ala. |
| 65 | Jim Langston | RG | Sqd | 20 | 5-8 | 185 | Jun | Vet Med | Texas City |
| 66 | Tommy Howard | RG | FL | 19 | 6-0 | 195 | Soph | Bus Adm. | Garland |
| 67 | Carl Luna | LG | FL | 19 | 6-0 | 185 | Soph | Bus Adm. | Garland |
| 68 | Don Browning | LG | FL | 19 | 5-10 | 190 | Soph | Arch | Baytown |
| 69 | B. Newton | LG | FL | 19 | 6-2 | 190 | Soph | Pet Eng. | Memphis, Tenn. |
| 70 | Dick Steadman | RT | FL | 19 | 6-2 1/2 | 190 | Soph | Pre Med | Fairborn, O. |
| 71 | Bobby Lockett | LT | Ssd | 21 | 6-3 | 195 | Sen | Pet Eng. | Breckenridge |
| 72 | Kenneth Beck | RT | Fu | 20 | 6-2 | 218 | Soph | Bus Adm. | Minden, La. |
| 73 | Ray Doucet | RT | FL | 20 | 6-1 | 187 | Soph | Bus Adm. | Nederland |
| 75 | A. L. Simmons | RT | Sqd | 20 | 6-5 | 195 | Jun | Bus Adm. | San Antonio |
| 76 | Bob Clendennon | LT | 1VL | 21 | 6-2 | 220 | Sen | Journalism | Waco |
| 77 | Jack Powell | RT | 2VL | 22 | 6-2 | 218 | Sen | Ind Educ | Waco |
| 78 | Charles Krueger | LT | 1VL | 19 | 6-4 | 218 | Jun | Bus Adm. | Caldwell |
| 79 | Leo Wotipka | LT | FL | 19 | 6-1 1/2 | 197 | Soph | Bus Adm. | Baytown |
| 80 | Don Smith | LE | FL | 19 | 6-1 1/2 | 195 | Soph | Bus Adm. | Phillips |
| 81 | John Tracey | RE | FL | 23 | 6-3 | 206 | Soph | Bus Adm. | Philadelphia, Pa. |
| 82 | Bobby D. Keith | RE | 2VL | 21 | 6-0 | 180 | Sen | Pet Eng. | Breckenridge |
| 83 | Lloyd Wasserman | LE | Sqd | 19 | 6-0 | 185 | Jun | Phys Educ | Rosebud |
| 84 | Terry Boozer | LE | FL | 19 | 6-2 | 184 | Soph | Phys Educ | Alexandria, La. |
| 85 | Barney Smith | RE | FL | 20 | 5-10 | 185 | Soph | Geology | Fort Worth |
| 86 | Dean Meeks | RE | Sqd | 20 | 6-2 1/2 | 190 | Soph | Agronomy | Gatesville |
| 87 | D. Smith | RE | FL | 19 | 6-1/2 | 180 | Soph | Bus Adm. | New Orleans, La. |
| 88 | E. Marks | LE | 1VL | 20 | 6-1 | 185 | Jun | Phys Educ | New Orleans, La. |
| 89 | Eugene Stallings | LE | 2VL | 21 | 6-1 | 179 | Sen | Bus Adm. | Paris |
| 90 | Henry Pearson | RE | — | 22 | 6-0 | 180 | Jun | Range & Forest | Temple |
| 91 | Bill Appelt | RE | JC | 20 | 6-2 | 195 | Jun | Bus Adm. | Hallettsville |

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