



**RODDY OSBORNE**—Junior quarterback shifted in Spring training by Coach Bryant from right halfback and fullback where he lettered in '55. Outstanding on defense, he'll share the man-under job with Jimmy Wright.

# Osborne, Wright Dual Quarterbacks in 1956

One of Coach Bryant's biggest headaches in 1956 will be his man-under and the job will fall to not one but two men this fall—Roddy Osborne and Jimmy Wright.

Osborne, the 1955 fullback and right halfback, was switched back to his old high school position by Bryant at the beginning of Spring training and has looked good since. Outstanding on defense, Roddy can run with the ball and will be a good man on the run-or-pass options.

"Osborne's a good little player," declares Bryant. "He's real good on defense and will throw all right, not that he'll break any passing records, he hasn't had much work on it yet."

Wright, the number one quarterback in 1955, will be back to share the load with Osborne for his junior year. The Edinburg boy hit on 24 of 67 passing attempts last sea-

son with six good for touchdowns. Wright had only four intercepted and netted 368 yards. His 43-yard beauty to Loyd Taylor was the winning points in the tremendous four-minute spurt against Rice.

"Wright is a good passer," observes Coach Bryant. "He played well last year for a sophomore and can really throw that ball. Nothing ever seems to bother him, either. We're going to let them battle it out for the starting job and see how it goes. We'll fit our attack around the quarterbacks rather than fit them to the offense."

"We're not going to play that racehorse type of football. We get back to the line from 11 to 16 seconds, and that's plenty fast enough. If we can run 70 plays a game, we figure we can win it."

Behind Osborne and Wright are sophomores Luther Hall and Hal

Sandefur. Hall, who can run from halfback, did both for the 1955 Fish eleven and is a comer. Sandefur looked good upon occasion for the first-year team last season, but had a shoulder operation and did nothing in the Spring. He doesn't figure to play too much this fall.

## Cadets Have Won All But 7 First Games

In 59 years of football competition, A&M has lost only seven opening games with two ties on the red side of the ledger.

Two of the first-game losses were to the Villanova Wildcats, and Coach Paul (Bear) Bryant hopes that three is a lucky number and we'll turn the tide in 1956.

Opening games defeats were to Houston University (not Cougars) 10-0, in 1897; Howard Payne, 13-7, in 1922; LSU, 34-14, in 1942; Villanova, 34-14, in 1948; Villanova, 35-0, in 1949; Texas Tech, 41-9, in 1954; and UCLA, 21-0, in 1955.

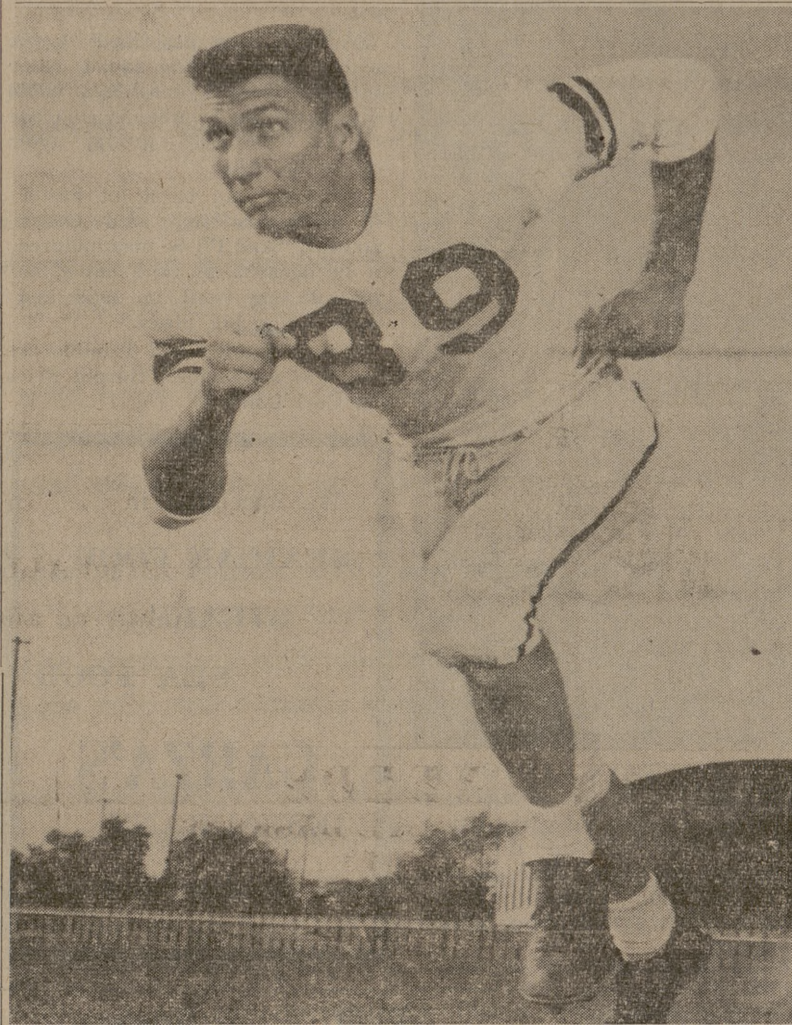
The most lop-sided opening game victory by the Aggies was in 1920 when the Cadets tore Daniel Baker, 110-0. The largest crowd to see a home opener was in 1949, 27,000, and last year's crowd of 65,343 in Los Angeles was the largest for any opener.



**JIMMY WRIGHT**—Edinburgh's junior passing ace who will share A&M's 1956 quarterback duties with Roddy Osborne. Wright hit six touchdown passes in 1955, including the one that sunk the Rice Owls, and his heaves were good for 368 yards gained.

## '56 TV Schedule

- Sept. 22—Georgia Tech-Kentucky at Lexington, day (National)
- Sept. 29—Baylor-Texas Tech at Waco, day (Regional)
- Oct. 6—TCU-Arkansas at Fort Worth, day (National)
- Oct. 13—Texas-Oklahoma at Dallas, day (Regional)
- Oct. 20—Rice-SMU at Houston, night (Regional)
- Oct. 27—Oklahoma-Notre Dame at South Bend, day (National)
- Nov. 3—Texas A&M-Arkansas at College Station, night (Regional)
- Nov. 10—A Big Ten game to be picked later, day (National)
- Nov. 17—TCU-Texas at Fort Worth, day (Regional)
- Nov. 24—UCLA-USC at Los Angeles, day (National)
- Nov. 29—Texas A&M-Texas at Austin, day (Regional)
- Dec. 1—Army-Navy at Philadelphia, day (National)
- Dec. 8—Pittsburgh-Miami at Miami, day (National)



**GENE STALLINGS**—A&M's fine all-SWC left end. As a junior last year Stallings picked off four enemy passes to lead the Cadets in that department and will be among the Southwest's finest receivers again this season.

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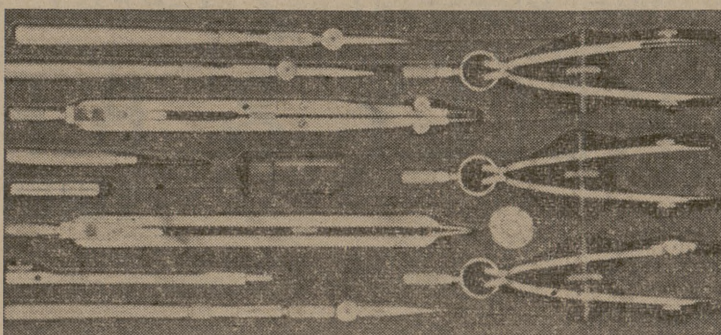
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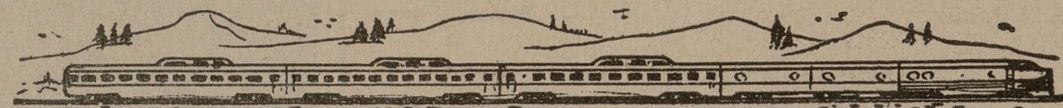
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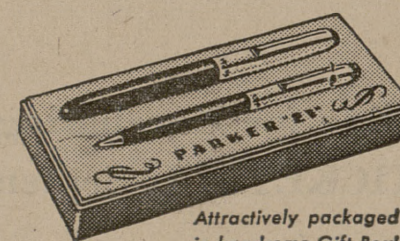
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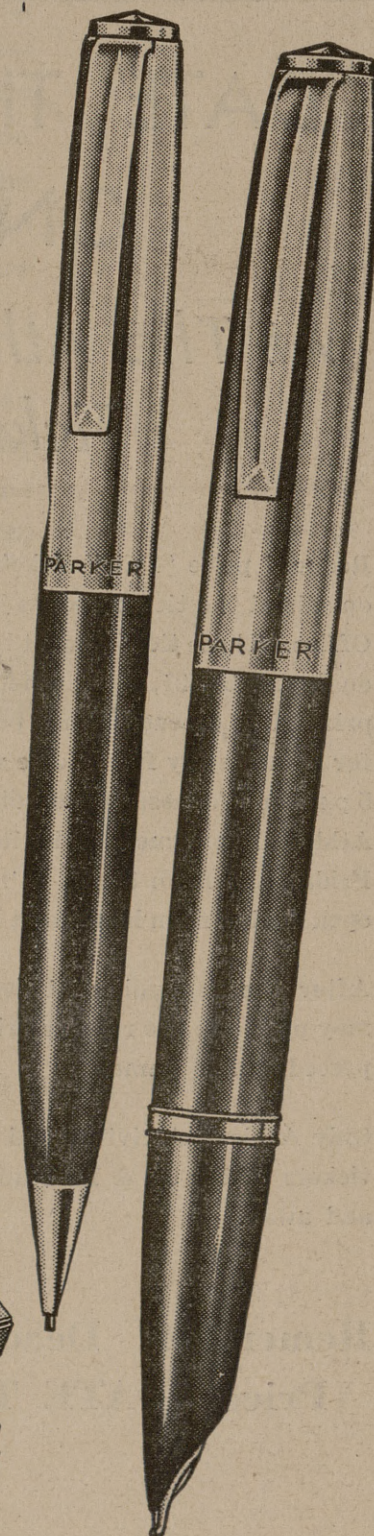
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