

Goehring, Hale, Stanley Bolster Strong Middle



DEE POWELL—Aggressive tackle-guard-center for A&M will share the center playing time with Lloyd Hale in 1956.

Besides fullback the middle of A&M's aggressive line is the least of Coach Paul Bryant's worries.

With three lettermen guards and the starting center back for 1956 it'll be rough for Aggie opponents in the teeth of that forward wall.

Returning to right guard is San Marcos' Dennis Goehring, a unanimous all-conference choice in 1955 and already picked by SPORT magazine as second-team all-American for this season. Goehring, although light at 186, is probably the hardest fighter in the conference and loves contact.

"Dennis was our best lineman last year," smiles Coach Bryant. "He likes to hit people and really has made a football play-

er out of himself in the last two years, but we've got to have some help for him—he can't play all the time."

Battling for Goehring's runner-up spot are two sophomores, Jim Langston, a holdout from Texas City who played Fish ball in '54, and last year's all-first year choice, Tommy Howard from the neighboring city of Galveston.

Langston is a stocky, 5-8, 185, blockbuster while Bryant considers Howard "... a good prospect, quick and strong."

Center is solidly held by Lloyd Hale and Dee Powell. Hale, co-captain and regular in 1955 will probably share the playing time with the fiery Powell, who has let-

tered in 1954 at tackle and last season at guard.

"Center is our best position in the line," affirms Bryant. "Hale is a fine football player. He was one of those September surprises in 1955. He's awfully quick on offense and a smart ball player. Powell is certainly not a second-stringer. We know he's one of our best players. Both are better offensively than defensively. They'll both get with you."

Dick Goff is currently the third-string ball snapper. Goff started for last season's Fish team and may play some this year.

Down the line are letterman John Gilbert and Allen Goehring, Dennis' younger brother, of whom Bryant says: "Allen is further along now than Dennis was at the same period in his development."

On the other side, Jim Stanley and Murry Trimble, both junior lettermen, hold down the left guard spot.

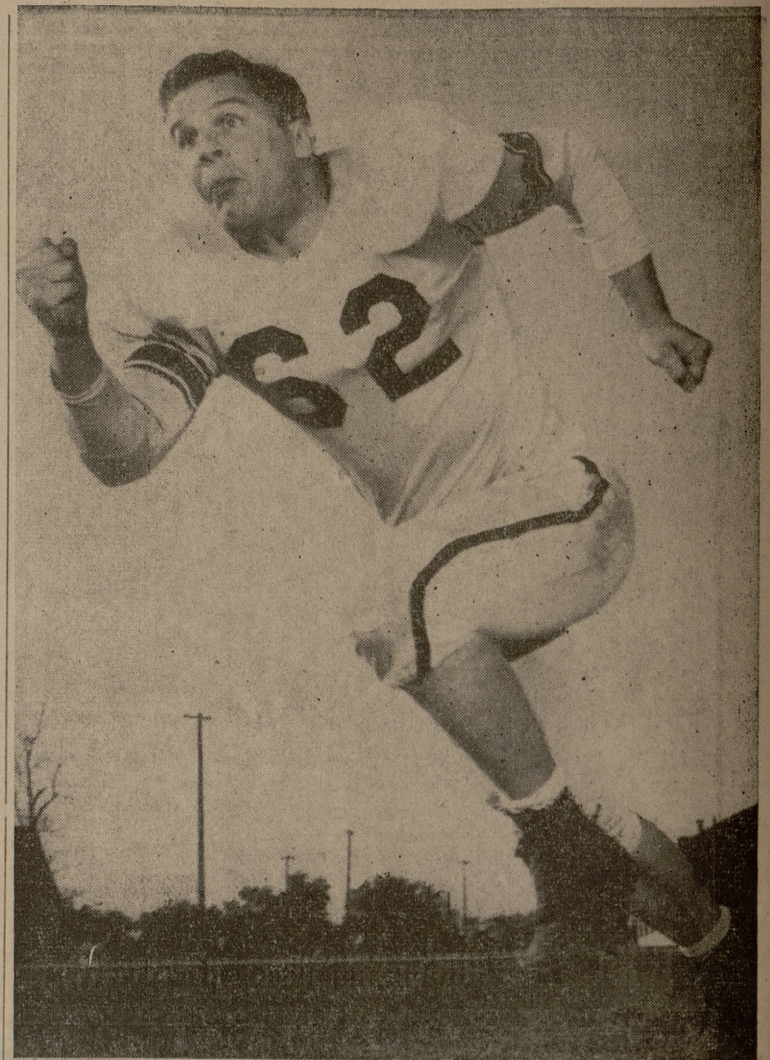
Stanley, often described as the meanest man on the squad, came to A&M from Lynch, Ky., while the one-armed Trimble is also one of the "foreign" group, from Hanceville, Ala.

"Stanley can be a lot better if he wants to," said Coach Bryant, "and I'll be disappointed if he doesn't. As to Trimble, he played very well in 1955 and made some big plays."

Behind Stanley and Trimble are a pair of sophomores, Harold Price and Carl Luna.



CO-CAPTAIN LLOYD HALE — Aggies' battling center moves into his third and final season under Coach Bryant. One of the 10 originals, Hale has come a long way in two short years.



DENNIS (The Menace) GOEHRING—Coach Bryant's all-SWC right guard will be clawing away at Aggie opposition again this year and should be right in the bidding for all-American honors.

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