

John Crow

Too Big To Stop; Too Fast To Catch

Everyone's All-American is John David Crow, senior halfback and co-captain from Springhill, La. Crow has been picked as pre-season All-American by every national poll.

As a sophomore, John was plagued with a leg injury, and missed the TCU and Baylor games. His excellent work, both offensive and defensive earned him a slot on the all-conference second-team.

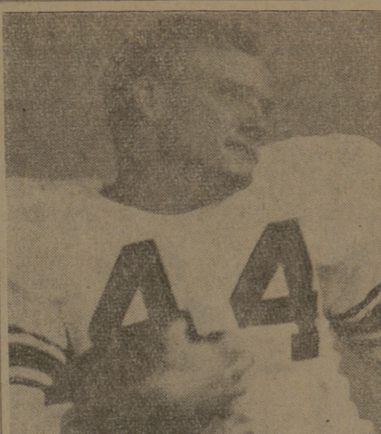
In his junior year, Crow averaged 5.6 yards per carry for the entire season. He was the SWC scoring champion, crossing the double stripe 10 times for 60 points, and was second in punt returns averaging 12.4 yards return per punt received.

The Springhill halfback snared three enemy aeriels to place second in the interception department.

Although Crow is widely acclaimed for his offense, he is recognized by Bryant as being outstanding on defense. Crow loves to tackle and can block with the best of them.

John is 21 years old, married and has a little boy, John David, Jr., following in his daddy's footsteps.

After one of the games last year—one where Crow had his foot in everyone's back, one opponent was heard to say "You never realize how big that guy is until you get run over by him; or how fast he is until you try to catch him."



JOHN DAVID CROW

AGGIES PICKED

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Crowley. Marks lettered for the second time last year, starting most of the games and playing forty quarters. Don is a transfer from the over-laden backfield. Don Smith, junior from Phillips will play a lot at the end position, but he could be pushed by sophomores Paul Alexander, from Sherman or Harold King from Crystal City.

The backfield is a picture of versatility, speed, power, and untied depth. Roddy Osborne, Jimmy Wright and Charles Milstead went through spring drills like they all wanted to be number one quarterback this fall.

Jimmy Wright, 175-pound passing quarterback from Edinburg is a two-year letterman and played behind Osborne last year. He can play first-string ball, and announced in spring drills that he would be first-string this fall.

He will have to withstand competition from one of the nation's best sophomore quarterbacks, Charley Milstead. Charley was a top prep quarterback at Tyler and has more natural ability and poise than most junior quarterbacks hope to possess. He runs, kicks, passes and loves to run the option play, the bread and butter of the Split-T.

Halfbacks and fullbacks are plentiful, but untested in combat. Bobby Joe Conrad, senior from Clifton is an all-purpose back, usable anywhere. Carlos Esquivel, from Edinburg, could supply depth.

John Crow will begin at left half, with sophs vying for any position behind him. Gordon LeBoeuf is a sophomore sensation from Port Neches. He's capable of playing good ball, but hasn't shined yet. Dick Lewis, of Houston Jeff Davis might see a lot of action. Robert Sanders from Seadrift could help relieve Crow.

On the right side is the conference's most under-rated halfback, Loyd Taylor of Roswell, N.M. He does all the extra-point kicking and runs with great speed and shiftiness. He has ruined Rice's hopes

Krueger, Stanley Fill Tackle Holes

Besides quarterback, the tackle spots are the least of Coach Bryant's worries. When you have an All-American and three returning lettermen, you find little need to worry.

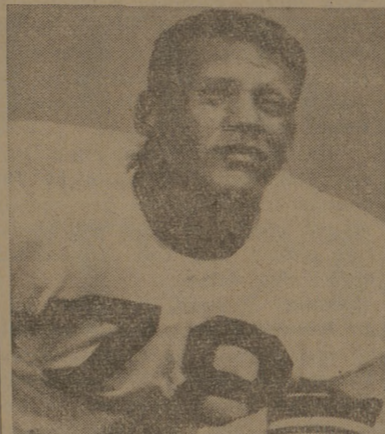
All-American choice Charley Krueger, senior two-year letterman from Caldwell is the top lineman on the squad and one of the best tackles in the nation. He has been picked on either the first or second team of every national poll for pre-season All-American picks.

Backing up Krueger in Jim Stanley, two-year senior letterman from Lynch, Ky. As a sophomore, Jim earned the reputation for being the meanest man in the Southwest Conference, but last year he cooled off and didn't quite live up to expectations.

The reason for this might be that last year he played guard, whereas his favorite position is tackle. As a sophomore he was second-team all-conference and could be a unanimous selection for honors this fall if his 'mean streak' returns.

The most improved lineman on the squad is Kenneth Beck, junior letterman tackle from Minden, La. As a sophomore, Beck had to lick the weight problem before he was able to log 31 quarters of playing time.

Beck is very quick for his size and has a lot of aggressiveness. He will be in contention for a starting berth.



CHARLES KRUEGER

for the past two years and been outstanding in many varsity games. If anyone can be called all-conference material, it would have to be Loyd.

The 1958 model of Coach Bryant's hopped-up tractor has never been driven. There are a lot of new gadgets, but the power is still there.

At the other tackle is A. L. Simmons, senior letterman from San Antonio. A. L. played enough to letter last fall, but needs improvement and will be hard pressed by ambitious sophs.

Bill Appelt is another tackle who may see a lot of action if improvement is evident. He was switched from end after being held out last season. Bill is a junior college transfer from Hallettsville and is the lightest of the tackles at 185.

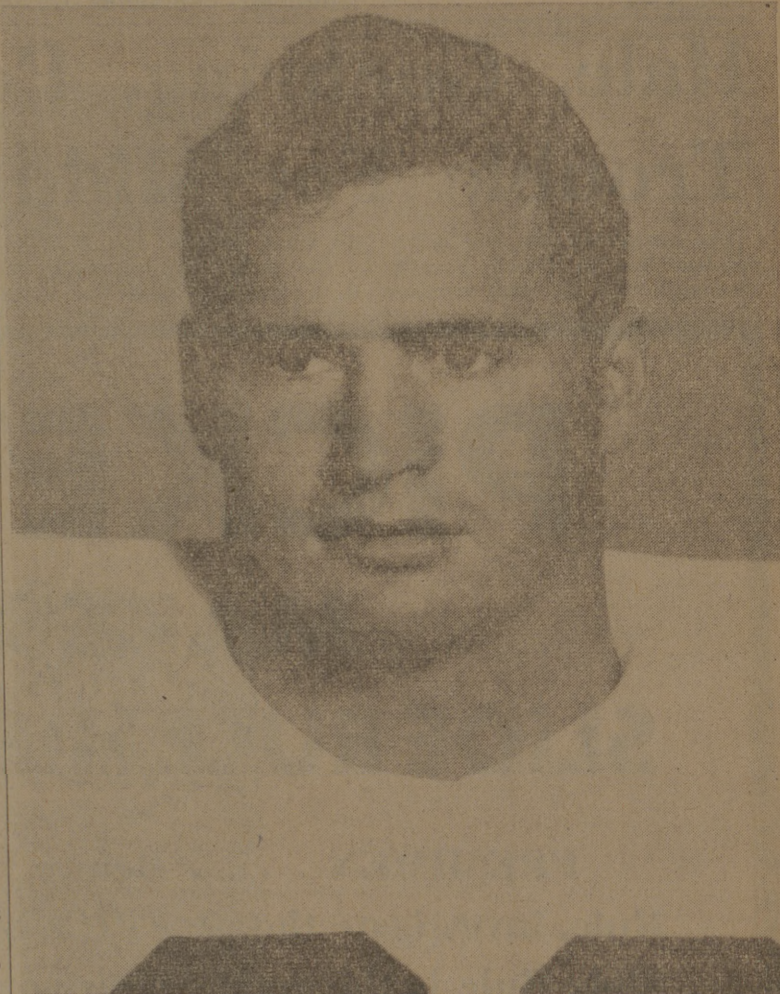
Robert Garner, soph tackle prospect from Palestine may still be a year away from SWC competition, but could work his way into a playing spot.

Few Open Losses In 60 Years Play

In 60 years of competition on the gridiron, the Aggies have lost only seven opening games.

Opening game 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 lopsided 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. The UCLA opener in 1955 was the largest for any opener, 65,343.



MEAN JIM STANLEY will be frightening many opponents this year from the tackle spot for the Aggies. He tries to make the holes in the line big enough for the popular "truck" so that the fast backs won't have any trouble going through.

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cost George Frederick Williams a \$20 fine. Tulsa police said Williams, 20, crawled through a hotel room transom and planted a kiss on the cheek of a teenaged girl.

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GORDON LeBOEUF, of Port Neches, is one of A&M's most promising sophomores. Strengthening the fullback spot, LeBoeuf is nearing the position of the fastest man on the team.

1957 Grid Schedule

- Sept. 21 Maryland at Dallas, 3 p.m. (TV)
- Sept. 28 Texas Tech at Lubbock, 8 p.m.
- Oct. 5 Missouri at Columbia, 1:30 p.m.
- Oct. 12 Houston at College Station, 8 p.m.
- Oct. 19 TCU at Fort Worth, 2 p.m.
- Oct. 26 Baylor at College Station, 2 p.m.
- Nov. 2 Arkansas at Fayetteville, 2 p.m.
- Nov. 9 SMU at College Station, 8 p.m.
- Nov. 16 Rice at Houston, 2 p.m.
- Nov. 28 Texas at College Station, 1:30 (TV)

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