

# Hale, Goehring, Powell Loss Means Trouble For Middle Linebackers

The answer to the middle line problem lies in Coach Bryant's statement "It's not what we have, it's what we don't have." The 1957 Aggies don't have Hale, Goehring, and Dee Powell. Instead, they have what might be called the Big Deficiency. Lloyd Hale left a tremendous

hole to be filled, and the only returning letterman is John Gilbert, senior from Russellville, Ark. Backing up Gilbert are a number of sophomore prospects, any one of which could solve the problem if it comes through.

Gilbert is a good offensive center, but only a fair linebacker. The Aggies' strength lies in their defense, and the defensive strength depends on the ability of the linebackers. Pardee and Hale were two of the best.

The big effort will have to come from Gilbert, Byron Caruthers, or Bill Godwin. If they are unable to do it, some of the guard prospects will be given a chance.

Byron Caruthers played his freshman year as an end and did some brilliant defensive work. He is a great defensive player, and may be able to handle the linebacker chore.

Caruthers was a member of the Tyler high school semi-finals team and was a battery mate for Miltstead. He is a six-footer and weighs 200 pounds.

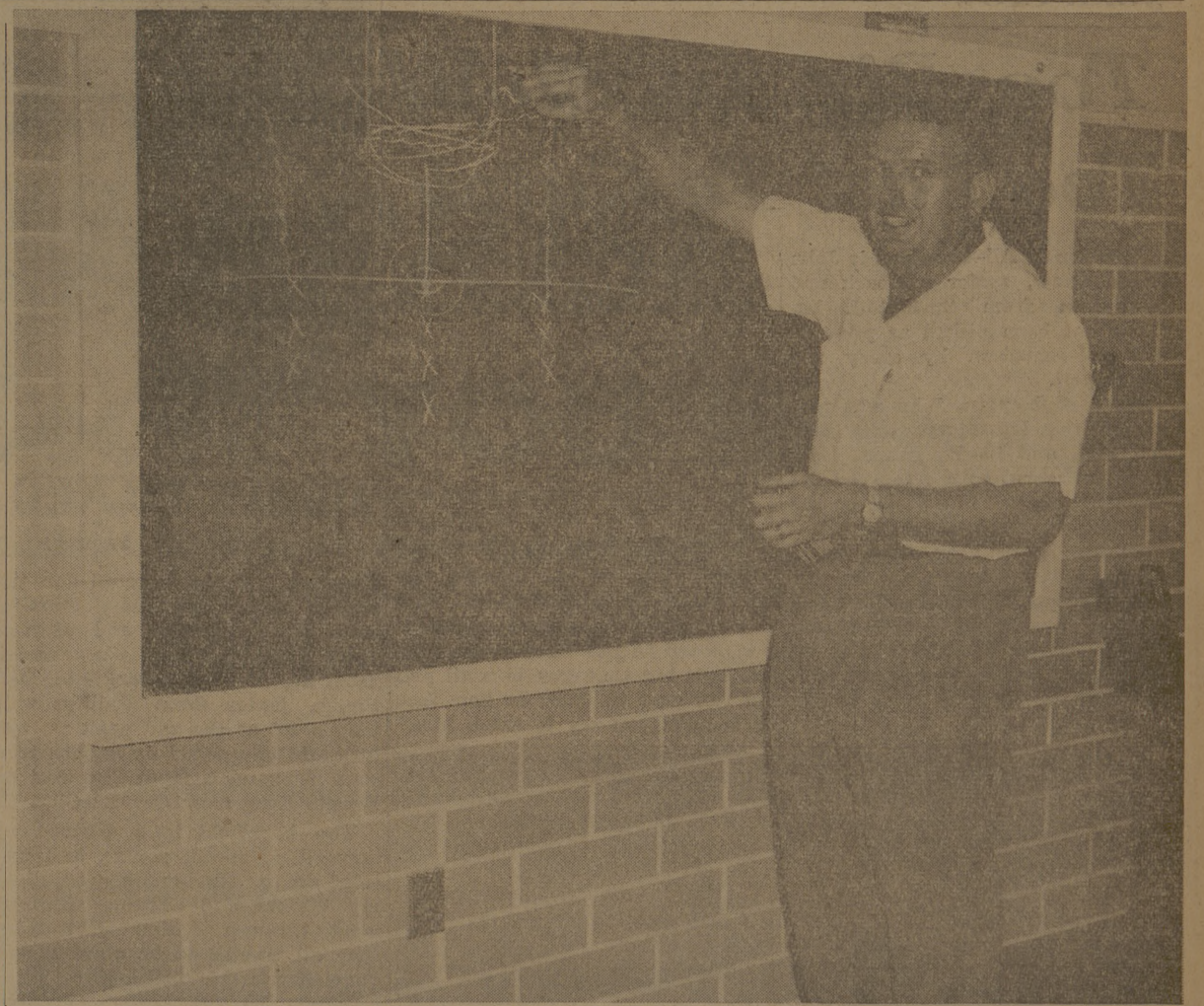
The other sophomore bidding for the pivot is Bill Godwin, 200-pounder from Orangefield. Although it was thought Godwin was still a year away from varsity competition, the loss of three center prospects might have instilled the incentive to play some football. Godwin is big and rangy.

The guard outlook is somewhat brighter than it was a month back, with three lettermen returning to see duty. Darrell Brown is the only two-year man to come back. He was ineligible last year, but was a member of the "Junction Babies."

"Brownie" is a senior from Dayton and tips the scales at 195 pounds. Although he has mostly played tackle, he is a very versatile player and can handle the guard slot well.

Tommy Howard, 200-pound junior letterman from Galveston, will be hard pressed by anxious sophs. Tommy played only 17 quarters in 1956 and hasn't lived up to expectations—yet. An improvement by Howard would have a remarkable effect on the dingy middle problem.

The "hardest nosed" man in the conference is Jim "Round Man" Langston, senior letterman guard from Texas City. Jim is very



COACH BOBBY ROGERS shows one of his plays that will be used this year, his first with the Aggies. Rogers came here from the East Texas State Teachers College where he had a marvelous record of 140 wins and only 31 losses.

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short in stature (only 5-8) but weighs 195 pounds and plays with the confidence of a six-footer.

Jim has a problem of his own in the form of four rough sophomores. If he is going to maintain starting ranking, he'll have to fight off the challenges of Carl Luna, Joe Munson, Buddy Payne and Bill Darwin.

Luna is the most promising of the new guards. He was a hold-out last year and could have a lot to say and do about this year's success for the Aggie squad.

Carl is from Garland and is very strong both on offense and defense. He might have lettered last year had he played.

Joe Munson is small, weighing only 180, but has lots of hustle and enjoys running into people. Because of this fact, he could earn a starting berth.

Going from one extreme to the other, you find 215-pound Bill Darwin, soph guard from Houston. Bill was a center last year and played first-string as a frosh. Linebacking is for smaller people, though, so Darwin will be a guard this fall.

Buddy Payne is another Houston sophomore that may figure in the interior line plans. He could join Munson as the other starter

Succeeding Coach Ken Loeffler as head basketball mentor is Coach Bobby Rogers, recently of East Texas State College. Coach Rogers is an Oklahoman and a graduate of the "Iba School of Ball Control."

He brings with him proof of his success as it is noted that his East Texas Lions won 140 games while losing only 31. Rogers' teams won three championships, shared one, and finished second once.

While carrying on their campaigns, Rogers' teams averaged a blistering 78.6 points per game. In addition, his 1955 team won the NAIA championship.

The new Aggie coach is a native of Stillwater, Okla., and a graduate of Oklahoma A&M, now called Oklahoma State University.

While he was an Aggie, he played basketball under Coach Hank Iba. However, he did not completely adhere to Iba's tutelage of ball control and leans to the fast break and the "easy basket." His teams have used the fast break offense and man-to-man or zone defenses to run up their scores.

Prior to his stay at East Texas he coached successfully at other schools. He was freshman coach at Oklahoma A&M for one year after his graduation. He then became coach at the Trego Community High School, near Hays, Kan., and promptly ushered his team to the conference crown.

His championship team was the first since "some of the players' dads had played."

After Trego came a job at Connors A&M Junior College in Connors, Okla. His junior collegian eagles won two championships in two seasons.

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