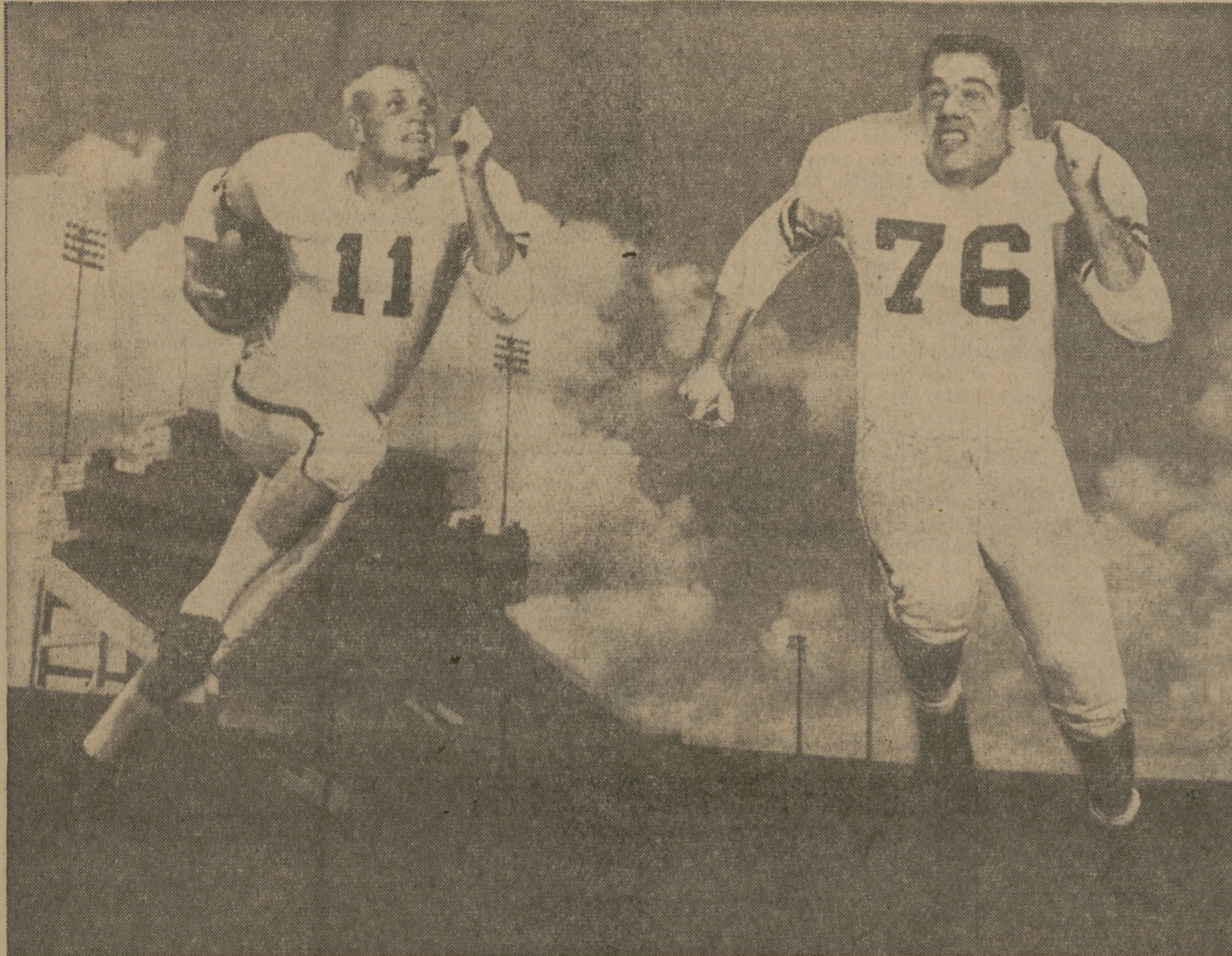


## Improved Aggies Face Tough Season



QUARTERBACK CHARLES MILSTEAD AND TACKLE GALE OLIVER

...aggie captains ready for kyle field action

### Charley Milstead to Power Cadet Multiple Offense Attack

Coach Jim Myers' fightin' Texas Aggies are expected to be slightly improved this year in both offense and defense but due to the strong improvement overall in the Southwest conference, the team record may not be any better than the 4-6 mark posted last year.

But anything can happen in the unpredictable, rough and tumble Southwestern conference. It is almost impossible to pick a winner and be correct when New Year's Day rolls around.

Pity the poor Aggies but don't bet against them. Coach Myers, facing his second season at A&M, has pepped up his attack by inserting the multiple offense in spring training. More emphasis on defense and more desire on the squad should make the team stronger overall.

All-American candidate and captain Charles Milstead will lead the Aggie attack. The tall quarterback from Tyler played a respectable tailback on the single wing last year, ending the season fourth nationally in total offense. With his pin-point passing, the All-conference back helped the Aggies set 15 new school records, hitting 88 of 167 passes for 1,135 yards. He added 237 more yards rushing. He was Sports Illustrated's "Back of the Week" for his fine showing in last year's Baylor contest, a game in which he ran 74 yards for a touchdown on the first Aggie

play of the game. The entire team missed the services of all-American performers John Crow, Charley Krueger and Bobby Marks off the 1957 team that was No. 1 in the nation until losing one and two-point decisions to Rice and Texas in the final games of the season. Crow, alone, was responsible for a touchdown a game, both on offense and defense. Most observers forgot the loss of these outstanding players when they analyzed the 1958 picture.

Milstead and his understudy at quarterback, Powell Berry, should have improved seasons over their 1958 play. Berry had a fine year as a sophomore last year and Milstead was great on a losing club. Both should have good years on the new offense. More depth in the backfield pleased Aggie coaches in the spring. Gordon LeBoeuf, Jon Few and Randy Sims, all veterans, return to the starting backfield.

Lack of sturdy line last fall kept the Aggie scoring punch from being even more effective than it was. Although blanked in two games—SMU and Texas—the Cadets scored a total of 61 points against Baylor and Rice.

The Aggies were stopped 22 times last year inside the opponents' 20-yard line. More depth and desire among the up-coming sophomores should add punch to the attack.

The Aggie line is still a big

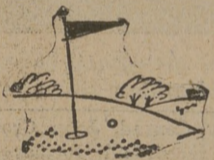
question mark but the returnees should be improved on the basis of another year behind them and the sophomores should beef up the forward wall. Veterans back in the line include Ralph Smith and Jack Estes at ends, Bill Darwin, Bill Godwin, Robert Garner and former center and alternate captain Gale Oliver at tackle; Allen Goehring, Carter Franklin and Buddy Payne at guard and Roy Northrup at center.

Newcomers expected to play their first varsity season are Mickey Walker, Wayne Freiling and David Skinner at guard; John Stradinger and Richard Love at tackle; James Street and Russell Hill at ends and Bruce Miller at center.

Statistically, the Cadets return 20 of 30 lettermen but many were given letters for reasons other than actual playing time. Some were injured, others contributed much in a few games. The picture is not as clear as 20 returning lettermen would indicate.

The Aggies face another rough schedule, opening the season with the Red Raiders of Texas Tech in Dallas, then meeting Michigan State at East Lansing; Mississippi Southern, unbeaten No. 1 small college in the nation, and Houston at College Station before embarking on the annual suicide conference clubs—TCU, Baylor, Arkansas, SMU, Rice and Texas.

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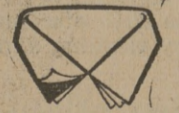


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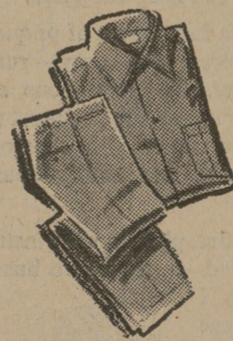


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