

# Frosh Eleven Boasts Weight, Speedy Backs

Coach Tom Chandler began work this week with one of the heaviest freshman squads in years at A&M, with 68 athletes reporting for practice.

Chandler, coach of the 1959 SWC baseball champions at A&M, will work his aspiring Aggies long and hard before the Frosh's opener with the TCU Wog Oct. 8, here.

Heading the list of prospects are Quarterback Ronnie Brice of Andrews, Tackles George Hogan and Keith Huggins of Longview and Keith Huggins of Houston Milby and Halfback Jon Mason from Las Cruces.

Mason is probably the fastest man the Aggies have seen in years and has been clocked in the 100 at 9.6 with wind. Brice is a tailback on the order of SMU's Don Meredith, an excellent runner and passer.

Hogan was one of the top line catches in the state, captaining teams in both the Oil Bowl and the Texas high school All-State games. Huggins weighs in at a hefty 230.

Heading the list of candidates for left end are Mike Davis and Bobby Huntington. Right end prospects are Don Ramsey and Don Bailly.

Battling it out for left tackle are Huggins and Bill Miller with

Hogan and James Walton struggling for the other tackle slot. Miller is the largest man on the team tipping the scales at a robust 280 pounds. The smallest tackle is Walton weighing in at 225.

Left guards are Mickey McGrew and Stuart Bebee while their running mates on the other side of the line are Jim Harper and James Phillips. Harper is the smallest man of the group with the other three hitting the 210 mark.

Centers are Michael Houghton and Jerry Hopkins. Hopkins was a schoolboy All-American player at guard.

Brice leads the candidates for quarterback trailed by Tommy Janik of Poth, a 6-4 athlete. Fullbacks are Sam Byer of Marlin and

Leroy Caffey of Thorndale. Both boys weigh over 200 pounds, the largest the Aggies have since the days of Jack Pardee.

Left halfbacks are Mason and Fred Deutch of Bellville and right half is held down by Ronnie Ledbetter and Steve Koch.

Experts are booming this group of 68 freshmen as one of the best the Farmers have ever seen, and that includes the 1954 Junction boys. They have speed in the backfield and bulk in the line, with more than enough in each position to give them adequate depth.

There are 31 interior linemen, 20 backs and eight ends, a well balanced crew that speaks well of Athletic Director Jim Myers and his careful recruiting this past season.

## SPORT SLANTS

By BOB WEEKLEY

When the Aggies move onto the playing field Saturday at East Lansing they're going to be facing a larger handicap than that of playing on an alien field. The difference in this game could be one of weight.

According to a release put out by Michigan State their line will average out at a hefty 210 pounds. The best the Cadets can muster is a 189-pound forward wall. That's 21 pounds per man the Aggies are going to have to overcome if they expect to come away from the game with laurels.

Largest man on the Spartan team is tackle Palmer Pyle who tips the scale at a crushing 231. Smallest man on the line is end Fred Arbanas who weighs exactly what the Farmers largest man weighs, 207.

Tradition will favor Michigan, but this could be a psychological sword in the hands of the Aggies. A&M and Michigan have met twice with the Spartans coming out on the winning end both times.

Most experts are picking Michigan a solid three touchdown favorite over the Ags, but experts are notorious for under-estimating the score. This is another point in favor of the Ags. They have nothing to lose and everything to win. It's games like this that set the

stage for upsets.

Big 10 football is nothing like the brand of ball played year in and year out in the Southwest Conference. They favor the yard at a time attack and feature lines with the same heft of a professional team. In the SWC, anything goes and the long pass is the rule rather than the exception.

State will be trying hard to win this game in order to regain some of the prestige they lost last year after posting a dismal 3-5-1 record under Duffy Daugherty. Incidentally, Daugherty was hung in effigy several times last season.

It looks like a tough game for the Aggies Saturday, and a long ride home after it is over.

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This season the sports staff of The Battalion plans on giving its readers the most complete sports coverage in the history of the newspaper.

As you might have already noticed each week a roundup of Consolidated High School sports will be presented under the by-line of Russell Brown.

Sports Editor Bob Weekley will travel with the team each week to give you the full coverage of the Aggies in action. Covering area sports and the freshmen team will be Assistant Sports Editor Joe Callicote.



Left halfback Jon Few dons his game uniform for the first time this season to face the Michigan State Spartans. Few is battling Sophomore Jesse McGuire for the starting halfback position.

Stan Jones, right-handed rookie pitcher in the Cincinnati chain, compiled a 19-4 mark for Geneva, N. Y. in the New York-Penn League this season.

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# A&M Consolidated Tangles Tonight With Hearne Eagles at Tiger Field

By RUSSELL BROWN  
CHS Correspondent

The injury-ridden A&M Consolidated Tigers take on the undefeated but tied Hearne Eagles in a non-district clash tonight in Tiger Field at 8 p.m.

Coach Ed Logan of the Tigers announced that he will go with Bob Adams and John Stark at ends, Alex Quisenberry and Vic Clark at tackles, Ben Jackson and Bob White at guards, and Joel Mills at center. Condy Pugh will head the Bengals at quarterback, Brenner Sayers and John Pedigo or Cyril Burke will be at the halves and Jim Wright will be at fullback. Winner of the "Tough Tiger" award for outstanding play against St. Anthony was Mike Bloom, junior defensive guard.

Hearne, with wins over Caldwell and Franklin and a tie with Navasota, will go with Thomas Kessler and Sammy Altmore at ends, Bill Hartman and Don Mitchell at tackles, Jim Ellis and Allen Meyer at guards and Tom Sanders at center. Simon Martinez or Grady

Russell will run the ball club, Jerry Sowma and B. D. Weaver will run from fullback and the fullback will be George White.

Giddings marks the site of the final non-district clash for the Tigers, coming next Friday on the Buffaloes home field.

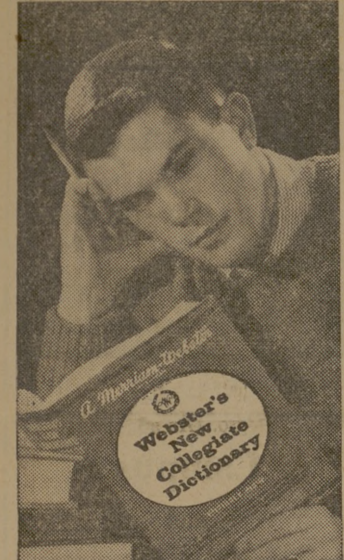
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