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Northrup Important As Defensive Quarterback

The Texas Aggie grid offense has its quarterback and leader in Charley Milstead, one of the best, but there's another quarterback on the A&M team this year who plays a very important role.

He's Roy Northrup, senior center-linebacker and defensive quarterback from Amarillo. When the Aggies have the ball it's Milstead, brilliant Tyler senior, who does the thinking.

But when the other team takes over, it's the blond, 6-0, 195-pounder who calls the defensive signals before each play.

As A&M's best defensive center, Roy is forced to play more than his share but he doesn't mind. Coach Jim Myers terms Northrup "a great competitor" and the teammates say the Aggie business administration major "makes few friends on Saturdays."

Sparks Defense

Roy's fine linebacking and leadership has been a major factor in the Cadets' improved defense this season. A year ago the A&M line and defense was as leaky as an old sieve. This year the Ags have been tougher on defense, especially against the running game. The Aggies have allowed but five touchdowns on the ground in the six games played to date. Most of the damage against the Aggies has come from the airwaves. Myers bemoans the fact the Aggies have intercepted only five passes this season. But one of these steals was by Northrup—in the 28-6 victory over Houston.

In Baylor's 13-0 shutout win over A&M last week, it was the clutch passing of QB Bobby Ply that hurt the Cadets. But Northrup's department contained the Bear running game in fine fashion.

Top hands in Northrup's interior line have been Guards Buddy Payne of Houston, Carter Franklin of Kerens, Allen Goehring of San Marcos and Wayne Freiling of San Antonio; Tackles Gale Oliver of Refugio, Wayland Simmons of San Antonio and Bill Godwin of Orangefield and Ends Richard Love of Lampasas, Bob Phillips of Corpus Christi and Ralph Smith of Phillips.

Great Competitor

Northrup is always ready to "get after 'em" and never misses a prac-

tice. Last week he was hospitalized with the flu but left the hospital in time for workout. He's had plenty of aches and pains but is seldom listed on Trainer Smoky Harper's "team of injuries."

"Roy gives you a 110-percent effort every day," Myers revealed. "If every player did that you would have no worries."

Roy shared the center position with Oliver last year, each starting five games. But the former Amarillo Sandy star has taken over the top spot this season since Oliver, alternate captain, switched to tackle. Northrup's big plays defensively helped upset Maryland, 14-10 last year in the nation's capitol.

Light for Position

Roy is light for a major college

Milstead Doubtful; Goehring to Tackle

Cold weather sent the Aggies to their closets in search of coats and long red flannels, but it will take more than heavy clothes to discourage the chill Coach Jim Myers feels with the injury of his star quarterback Charley Milstead.

"Milstead looks like he will definitely not play against Arkansas Saturday," said the Aggie mentor, "but it depends on how his knee injury improves." The Aggie tail-

Intramurals

Aggie intramurals continue to move at a rapid pace with Sq. 1 leading in both class A and B divisions.

In class A Sq. 1 has 155 points and in B it has 122½. Runner up in class A is Co. F-1 with 120 points and in class B Sq. 13 is second with 120 points.

Yesterday in class A basketball the Maroon Band topped Co. L-2, 28-8; Sq. 6 beat Co. C-1, 29-21, Sq. 15 outscored Co. D-2, 21-9; Sq. 11 won 16-11 over Co. H-1 and Co. D-1 defeated Sq. 7.

In the class B division of horse-shoes Co. E-1 topped Sq. 1, Sq. 6 beat Sq. 9, Co. F-2 defeated Co. H-2, Sq. 10 beat Co. H-2 and Co. D-1 was outscored by Sq. 2.

Class B football games included a win by Co. A-1 over Co. G-2 by a score of 8-6 and an 8-8 tie between Co. K-2 and Sq. 13.

Hart beat Puryear in handball, which was the only class C event turned in.

Today's schedule include basketball, handball and bowling in the class A division and football horse-shoes and ping pong in the class B division.

center, but he's average on the Aggie line. At 194 pounds per man end to end, A&M possibly has the lightest forward wall in the country.

Northrup is married but lives in Henderson Hall, A&M's athletic dormitory since his wife, Dena, attends the University of Texas.

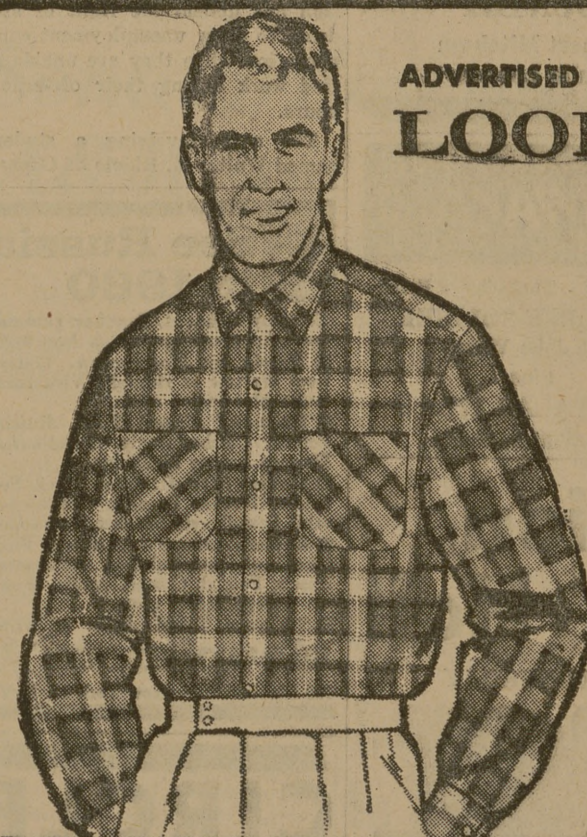
Roy was a high school back his first two years at AHS but was moved to center his senior year and has been at the position since.

Northrup was born in Higgins, Texas, 22 years ago, moved to Canadian at the age of five and when he was 13 the family moved to Amarillo.

He was an entomology major his first two years at A&M but changed to business this fall.

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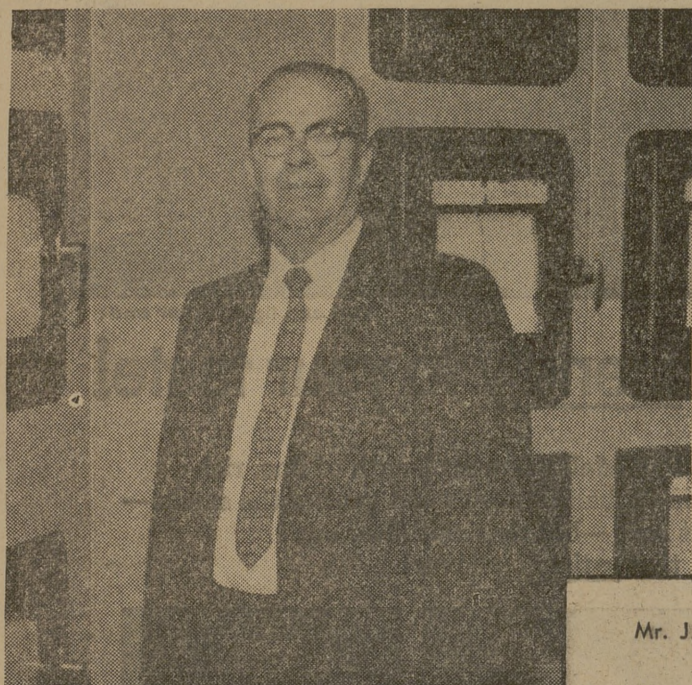
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