

Myers Stresses Importance Of Having Overall Depth



Sophomore Sensation

Jerry Rogers, a 209-pound fullback from Corpus Christi (Ray), is having an outstanding fall practice and is one reason last year's star—Sam Byer—is on the third team. Rogers is on the second team behind Lee Roy Caffey.

Mets Want Casey As Manager

By The Associated Press
BALTIMORE—If Casey Stengel gives the word, he can have the New York Mets managing job for 1962 with Cookie Lavagetto coming along as his first lieutenant and heir apparent.

That was the proposition George Weiss, president of the new National League club, tried to sell to the 72-year-old baseball genius when the two former New York Yankee officials conferred at Stengel's home in Glendale, Calif., a fortnight ago.

Casey Has To Sell Wife
It is understood Stengel was re-

ceptive but he, in turn, must sell the idea to his wife, Edna. Mrs. Stengel is not enamored by the prospect of having her husband return to baseball. A friend of the Stengels quoted her as saying, "What's he trying to prove?"

Weiss reportedly offered Stengel a choice of either a one- or a two-year contract. At the expiration of the contract, he would be succeeded by Lavagetto who, in the meantime, would serve under him as third base coach.

Weiss is said to be most anxious to have Stengel as manager not only because of Casey's proven

ability, but because of his belief the old professor would stimulate attendance at the Polo Grounds, the Mets' home in 1962, and aid in the club's rivalry with the Yankees for local fan support.

Cookie Ex-Dodger Star
Lavagetto also is well known to New York fans. He was a star infielder with the Brooklyn Dodgers in the 1940's. Cookie managed the Minnesota Twins this season. He was fired last June and replaced by Coach Sam Mele.

In recent weeks, he has been serving as unofficial scout of the Mets in the West Coast area.

Jim Myers Tuesday admonished the idea of stressing the importance of a starting lineup.

The coach of the Aggies noted that in modern day football, games are not won or lost by just eleven players.

"The A&M coaching staff realizes the importance of every one of our squad members. Naturally, a starting eleven has to be put on the field. But where would a team be without that second and third string?"

"We have perfect examples of the fallacy that the first 11 men are the most important in four contests for positions this season. One is at fullback, where I wouldn't trade Lee Roy Caffey, Jerry Rogers or Sam Byer for any other fullback corps in the nation," Myers said.

"Then," the coach added, "there

is quarterback, where Jim Keller, John Erickson and Ronnie Brice are running neck and neck—and at center where a real fine battle is being waged by Jerry Hopkins, Jerry Jenkins and Ray Kubala.

"And you can't overlook left halfback where Sophomores George Hargett and Jim Linnstaedter are so close you'd almost think they were twins in ability. We hope they prove to be our touchdown twins this year," said Myers.

In his fourth year as Aggie coach, Myers said he thinks there is not a college coach who does not realize the importance of a good bench.

"They can publicize the starters most—that's human nature. But don't take away my second and third stringers," Myers asked.

Last week the Aggies definitely lost the services of Left Tackle

Ben Krenk, a 221-pound junior, who had been running on the alternate unit. Krenk reinjured his knee and suffered a severely sprained ankle during two-a-day workouts.

Another loss hit the Aggies when it was discovered during registration that Bobby Elliott, a junior college transfer quarterback from Cameron, was declared ineligible due to the lack of transferable hours required by A&M.

When the Houston Cougars invade Aggieland this Saturday, they will bring with them one of the toughest and most experienced teams they have been able to come up with in recent years. Their starting lineup consists of nine seniors, one junior and one sophomore.

In the line, the Cougars average

out to 205½ pounds, with the best man being 225-pound Pete Nikirk. The Aggies duplicate the average with being 205. Jerry Hopkins, pound center, is the biggest.

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