

AT PRESS DAY

Coaching Staff, Team Meet Writers



Moved To End

A 6-0, 195-pound senior, Van Dyke, who lettered his sophomore year at halfback, has been switched to right end on the 1962 Aggie football squad. He was an All-State fullback at Edison High School.

High School Race Kicks Off Friday

By HAROLD V. RATLIFF  
Associated Press Sports Writer  
The Texas schoolboy football campaign, which makes no claims that it is the best but does insist that it is the largest, moves out for the forty-third time Friday.

There never has been and probably never will be anything just like in elsewhere in the world—a massive gridiron race in which almost 50,000 boys from more than 900 schools play 4,700 games before 8,000,000 fans.

In the 42 years of the Texas Interscholastic League gridiron campaign Abilene has won the most championships—six. But if the critics are correct in their prognostications, Wichita Falls will tie it this year.

THE MAN who is co-holder of the record for the most champion-

ships won—Joe Golding—won't be coaching this fall. He is now athletic director of Wichita Falls schools. Under him Wichita Falls won four state titles which tied the record of the fabulous Paul Tyson at Waco in the twenties.

Chuck Moser of Abilene, Blair Cherry of Amarillo and Gordon Wood of Stamford and Brownwood all have three championships.

Wichita Falls, winning championships in 1941-49-50-58-61, is favored to make it six this fall. But Waco could take over the lead if it came through. Waco has won five titles and tied for one.

Breckenridge has four championships and two ties while Amarillo and Stamford have four each. Stamford had one of its titles taken away from it because of an ineligible player.

By VAN CONNER  
Battalion Sports Editor  
Tuesday was press day at the A&M Athletic Department and new Head Coach Hank Foldberg, his staff and team played host to 19 sports writers after the morning football workout. As they waited in game finery to have their pictures taken, some of the Ag footballers met with reporters and later Foldberg talked to the writers as a group.

The first lad questioned was grinning and bashful Jerry Hopkins, a standout center for the Cadets since his soph days. Asked what he thought was the biggest difference in the new regime of Foldberg, the 215-pound senior said, "More discipline under Foldberg, I guess that's the main factor."

"He also puts more stress on your condition," Hopkins continued.

Hard-running fullback Sam Byer talked of practices being more enjoyable and conducive to good spirits because Foldberg alters the workouts to relieve boredom. "Yeah, you never know what to expect," chimed in Jerry Rogers, another standout fullback.

SENIOR QUARTERBACK John Erickson and junior tailback Jim Linnstaedter agreed that the team as a whole has a better attitude. "We all feel more a part of the team now," Erickson pointed out.

As a quarterback, Erickson was asked to evaluate the Aggie offense and Foldberg's offensive philosophy. The 6-0, 190-pounder mentioned first that he thought the offense was well-rounded and that he felt they would throw more than in the past.

Summing up what he thought was the offensive philosophy of Foldberg, Erickson said, "If the ground game works, use it. Pass, but don't pass just out of desperation."

Sophomores Melvin Simmons, a raging tackle from Odessa, and James Willenborg, a quarterback from Clifton, said what they noticed most about Foldberg was that he takes good care of the boys. "It makes you have more desire," added Willenborg. They

cited Foldberg's having the stadium lights improved and echoed Hopkins' words on scholastic emphasis.

FOLDBERG TALKED to the sports writers at 11 a.m. in the air-conditioned lecture room of the

athletic office. His number one problem, he explained, was finding the most capable players among the sophomores. "We're not solid enough in the line," he added.

The big newcomer said that there are a lot of question marks

for him and his staff. He said that the least playing experience was at the tackle slots.

It had been rumored that Foldberg was worried about his quarterbacks but he quickly dispelled this when the question arose. He

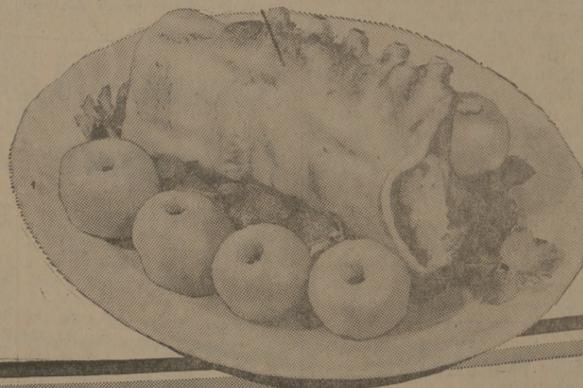
asserted that he was happy and had confidence in his generals.

Foldberg's evaluation of team to date was that it needed little more speed and some in the line.

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