

PROMISING SOPHOMORE

LaGrange Holds Key



SOPH SIGNAL CALLER
Charles LaGrange adds air attack to Aggie defense.

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Rio Grande City is a small agricultural community in deep South Texas just a few swimming strokes from the Mexican border. Their best product seems to be freckles and a kid that throws footballs like Tempest Storm tosses clothes.

At least that is the impression you get after talking to Charles LaGrange and watching him play football.

THE SHY LaGrange is 19 years old, stands 6-1, 185, and lists his current occupation as sophomore Marketing major and quarterback for Coach Hank Foldberg, with passing his specialty. And with him may lie the key to future A&M gridiron success.

To say LaGrange was unheralded when he came to Aggieland is like saying Houston is a village. Few people outside the Valley had ever heard of him and the situation changed little even after he connected for 20 of 24 passes against the Texas Shorthorns as a Fish.

But trumpets sounded Saturday night when LaGrange was unveiled against Louisiana State. The Aggie Band blasting out the War Hymn signifying the start of the fourth quarter and the Cadets trailed 14-0.

LAGRANGE TOOK over with the

Farmers having first down on their own 20. On the third play, his pass to halfback Travis Reagan was intercepted and it looked like his career was short and sour.

Aggies Stage Yardage Fight On LSU Turf

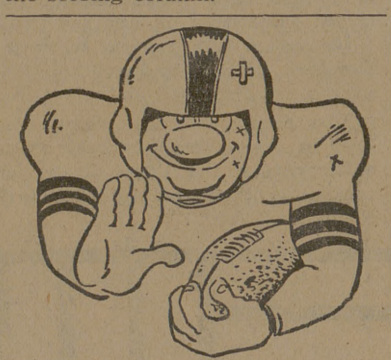
Saturday night's clash with LSU featured a close statistical battle which was won by the Tigers after a hard fight against the invading Aggies from Texas.

The Tigers eked out a slim 11-point edge in total rushing yardage, 200-189 and the Aggies led in yardage via the airlines, 56-33. The pass play contributed to A&M's first touchdown of the year when halfback Uzell heaved a 5-yard spiral to Travis Reagan.

Leading the rushing was quarterback Jim Linnstaedter who racked up 44 yards in 13 carries for a 3.4 average. George Hargett had the best rushing average, 4.0 with 32 yards in eight tries. Reagan who grabbed Uzell's aerial in the end zone, had a rushing average of 3.1 with 28 gained in eight attempts. These three countered with 101 of the 133 total yards rushing.

In the passing department four Aggie chunkers took to the air lanes 13 times with 6 landing at the desired targets. One Aggie pass was intercepted but Mike Pitman stole a Tiger pass to even the count.

Charles LaGrange completed 3 of 7 passes for a .429 average while Linnstaedter connected two times in 4 tries for a .500 mark. Uzell threw only one pass but it was the one that put the Aggies in the scoring column.



"The receiver was right there when I should have thrown it, but I didn't throw quick enough. I was a little nervous," LaGrange explained.

But 10 minutes later he was back, and the jitters were gone. "I wasn't nervous the second time. I was just mad at myself," LaGrange said.

A&M HAD the ball on the Tiger 45, first and 10. Ten plays later, the freckle-faced soph had guided the Cadets to their first TD of the season.

LaGrange's performance, coupled with the fine showing of quarterback Jim Linnstaedter, brought gladness and optimism back to Aggie hearts. The biggest A&M deficiency in the past three years has been at this key backfield slot and now it looks like the Aggies have a pair to fill the bill.

Ohio State will be the next test and this perennial Big 10 power had better be on its guard. When asked about the upcoming contest, LaGrange said, "The team feels real good about the game and we're going to give them a real fight."



George Hargett
This fleet Aggie halfback from Linden is tied for second reception in the Southwest Conference after catching 10 passes against LSU. Hargett is a steady competitor who owns two varsity letters.

Port Arthur Keeps First; Rampaging Eagles Second

DALLAS (AP) — Leaders held their places in the Dallas News ratings of schoolboy football teams Monday but there was some notable moving up.

San Antonio Brackenridge, defending Class AAAA champion, surged into the No. 2 spot ahead of Corpus Christi Miller on the basis of a 61-28 victory over Uvalde in the Eagles' opener last week.

SPRING BRANCH, Corpus Christi Ray and Houston Austin fell out of the top 10. Richardson, Wichita Falls and Dallas Samuel replaced them.

Port Arthur held onto No. 1 with 97 points of a possible 100.

Dumas and Albany each was given maximum support for the

No. 1 spots in Classes AAA and A respectively. This meant they each got the full 10 votes of sports writers over the state who contributed to the poll.

GRAHAM AGAIN was No. 2 in Class AAA but Jacksonville plunged from third out of the ratings as its conqueror, Nederland, took the No. 10 spot.

New London stayed No. 2 and Pearland No. 3 in Class A behind Albany. Goldthwaite, Jefferson and Rosebud were newcomers.

Denver City got nine of ten votes as No. 1 in Class AAA but Pine Tree, Missouri City Dulles and Sweeny dropped out of the top 10. Olney, Mason and Gilmer replaced them.

THE TOP 10 BY CLASSES

- Class AAAA—1, Port Arthur; 2, San Antonio Brackenridge; 3, Corpus Christi Miller; 4, San Angelo; 5, Galena Park; 6, Midland; 7, Borger; 8, Richardson; 9, Uvalde; 10, Dallas Samuel.
- Class AAA—1, Dallas Samuell; 2, San Antonio Brackenridge; 3, Corsicana; 4, Orange Brownwood; 5, Bay City; 6, Kinney; 7, Hurst Bell; 8, San Juan-Alamo; 9, Nederland; 10, Nederland.
- Class AA—1, Denver City; 2, Sinton; 3, Stamford; 4, Olney; 5, Mason; 6, Rockdale; 7, Katy; 8, Gilmer; 9, Plano; 10, Atlanta.
- Class A—1, Albany; 2, Leake; 3, Pearland; 4, Goldthwaite; 5, Seagraves; 6, Jefferson; 7, T. Oak; 8, Rosebud; 9, Ingleside; 10, Hull-Daisetta and Munday.

RUNS OVER DALLAS

Cleveland's Jim Brown Off To Good NFL Start

CLEVELAND (AP) — Oxygen, salt tablets and a fine team effort played a part in getting the Cleveland Browns' great fullback, Jim Brown, off to a big start in his seventh National Football League season.

Gentleman Jim, relaxing at his home after galloping 232 yards against Dallas at the Cotton Bowl Sunday, was happy to talk about a favorite topic—the offensive line that opens up the holes in front of him.

"Yes, I'd match our forward line against any in the league," said Brown. "They have speed and determination."

BROWN'S 232 yards were just five short of his own league record for rushing in a single game. With the 162 yards he made the previous week against the Washington Redskins, he has a total of 394, which is a good start for an onslaught on the season rushing record. That record, also held by Jim Brown, is 1,527 yards and was set in 1958, his second year in the NFL.

Blanton Collier, the Browns' scholarly coach, had just finished looking at film of the 41-24 victory at Dallas — the second straight win for the Browns.

"THE OFFENSE executed the details in a fine manner," said Collier. "Jim did an excellent job. No, that's not good enough. He was tremendous. He's a terrific runner. On that one long run—71 yards for a touchdown in the first quarter—he got good blocking, made some adjustments. They had him, but he broke away."

The coach thought that despite the heat his men looked stronger in the fourth quarter. And this is where the oxygen and salt tablets come in.

THE BROWNS had made special preparations for a week ahead, looking forward to the Dallas heat, and they were not disappointed.

"I don't know what it was in the stands," said Collier, "but the temperature on the floor of the Cotton Bowl must have been close

to 100. It takes a lot of courage and determination to play well under those conditions.

"It's a test on a man's courage," was the way Jim Brown put it. "You feel weak. It's hard to keep yourself going."

COLLIER fed his men salt tablets, and he had oxygen tanks at the sidelines so the men could take a whiff whenever they came off the field.

Apparently the preparations paid off. Brown said the hole that John Wooten and Dick Schafraht opened up for him the last time he carried the ball was the biggest he had seen all day. The speedy fullback scooted through that one for 62 yards and a touchdown.

NOTES

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Two Aggies received pats-on-the-back from the Dallas Morning News for their play against LSU. Soph QB Charles LaGrange was given Honorable Mention for Back of the Week and end Ronnie Carpenter received a similar kudo as Lineman of the Week. The top choices went to Tommy Crutcher, TCU's powerful fullback, and Scott Appleton, Texas' all-American tackle candidate. Aggie - Ex Mike Clark kept his perfect record in tact with three extra points for the Philadelphia Eagles making him six-for-six in two leagues tilts. He also added a 28-yard field goal. Houston Post Sports Editor Clark Nealon on A&M's showing

at Baton Rouge, "The Farmers are a team that demands respect in the championship scramble." ... Dave Campbell, Waco News-Tribune, on A&M QB Jim Linnstaedter, "Jim played with such dash and sparkle most of the time that there was no overlooking him." ... The two stewardesses who accompanied the Cadets to Baton Rouge and back—Mary Caldwell and Patsy Roundtree—were impressed with the social bearing of the team. "The boys were extremely pleasant and mannerly. It's quite unusual on a charter like this," Mary reported. ... A&M's touchdown against LSU was their first against the Tigers since 1956. It also put them three weeks ahead of last year's pace when they didn't cross the goal in the first three games.

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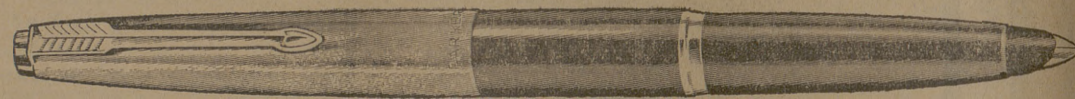
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