



FROM THE
Sidelines

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The new school year, and football season with it, is underway with a general mood of reserved optimism about the campus. Coach Stallings and "his boys" have begun a determined effort to bring winning football back to Aggieland and, while scoring zero points to the opponents 10 can't be called a victory, the team did show it was willing and able to play a good game against one of the nation's top teams: a trick the Aggies will have to repeat a number of times this season.

One of the marked differences between the present edition of the Texas Aggies and previous ones definitely is generated by the coaching staff, and that is their constant air of poise. Coach Stallings and his assistants have it all the time, and so do the team members.

In the dressing room after the LSU contest, it was very evident that, despite the score, the A&M head coach was still confident of eventual success.

Stallings said, "I'm not worried about it."

"We'll get better next week, a little better the week after that, and even better the following week."

He noted that "we're weak a lot of places. If the Aggies were a great ball team, I'd be back at Alabama." And we might note here that since he has left Alabama, the Tide has lost two ball games, one to TU and one to Georgia.

Coach Stallings paid the squad a high compliment when he said, "They gave it all they had, and that's all anyone can ask of them!"

He summed up last weekend's game by saying, "I just think we got beat by a whole lot better football team. It looked like our boys . . . never quit and that's all I can ask of them."

We're not big, we're not fast

and we're not strong, and when you play a team like LSU you better have something."

Spec Gadmon, sports publicity director, did point out that the Tigers' offense hasn't scored a touchdown on the Cadets in the last two years.

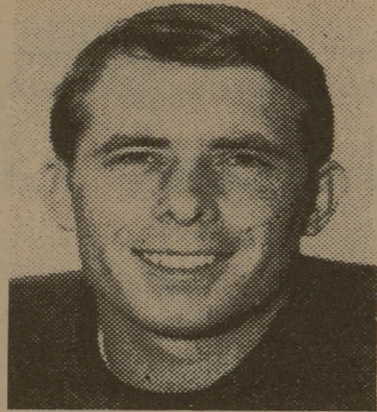
But the focus is on the next nine games, not the last one. Looking toward the future, especially the home games, the Ag head coach made very forceful comments to the gathered student body at All University Night to use good conduct at these contests. Stallings is an Aggie, and is proud of it. When he speaks to the students, he makes every one in the audience just as proud. There should be little misconduct at Aggie games this year on the part of the students because of their respect for the new coach. Such is the mark of a great leader as well as a great coach.

The on-again, off-again trip to Georgia Tech is on again — if enough students wanting to go are around to fill a bus. Information and reservations may be obtained at Loupot's, so its just up to the individual Aggie. If it isn't successful there will be no one to blame but the students — not the government, not the administration, just the individual. The opportunity is there for those who want it. No one is going to force anyone to support the school teams, either at home or on the road, but as any athlete can tell you, it sure helps to have some friends among the thousands screaming in the stands!

AGGIE NOTES AND QUOTES

The Aggies will fly to Atlanta Friday in time for an afternoon limbering up drill at Grant Field and will be headquartered at the Biltmore . . . This will be the first meeting ever between the Yellow Jackets and Aggies . . .

The rugged battle with LSU was testimony to the Aggies physical fitness. All hands will be ready for Georgia Tech this week.



EDDIE MCKAUGHAN

Tigers Hold Class 4A Lead For 2nd Week

DALLAS (AP) — Texarkana's Tigers held onto the No. 1 spot in Class AAAA schoolboy football in the Dallas News poll this week.

The Tigers, who beat Texarkana, Ark., 19-13 for their second straight triumph, polled seven first place votes.

Spring Branch, which took a 22-13 licking from South Oak Cliff, was the only team to drop out of the AAAA rankings.

San Angelo moved from fifth to second place.

There was a new leader in Class AAA, where Dumas, which is cleaning up on AAAA teams, slipped into the No. 1 spot and Brownwood went all the way from fourth to second. Pharr-San Juan-Alamo, which lost to Class AAAA McAllen, 12-7, fell out of the top spot but slid only to fifth.

The only teams failing to remain in the AAA rankings were Cypress-Fairbanks, which lost to LaPorte, and Nacogdoches, which fell to AAAA Lufkin.

San Marcos moved from eighth to third and Palestine, the Class AAA defending champion, arose from a tie for 10th to ninth.

Dumas, in moving from third to first, got eight first place votes.

Alpine continued on top of Class AA but Port Acres, which held second place, skidded down to a tie for 10th when it was beaten by Galveston Kirwin. Denver City became No. 2.

Three Rivers didn't play last week but continued No. 1 in Class A with Jefferson clinging to second and Forney No. 3.

McKaughan Has Soft 'Hard Nose'

You can't truthfully call Eddie McKaughan of the Texas Aggies a "hard nose" football player but you can usually find him butting his head against the opposition. Instead of being "hard nose," McKaughan has a somewhat brittle proboscis. It has been broken four times since he arrived at Aggieland.

As a transplant quarterback, he now plays halfback in Coach Gene Stallings' aggressive defensive secondary and is in a position where he must stick his nose into the opposition's business.

McKaughan, a junior from San Benito, Tex., didn't think he did a good job against LSU in his varsity defensive debut but his face displayed proof that he was where the action was a lot of the time. His upper lip was cut from what could have been a cleat mark during the heavy action around the Aggie goal line where LSU was repulsed during the fourth quarter.

About his switch from quarterback to defensive halfback, McKaughan says "I like it fine and I hope I get better."

McKaughan (you pronounce it McCoin) had one mental lapse

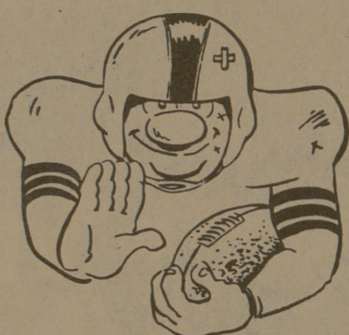
against LSU and halfback Billy Masters got behind him for an apparent touchdown pass but the play was nullified by a penalty. "When Masters cut to the outside I took a look at the quarterback instead of staying with him. He had me beat then and I'm just glad the play didn't count."

McKaughan has discovered that although a quarterback must be a thinking man who virtually runs the show on offense, one has to think and react quickly in the defensive secondary.

Eddie last played defense as a freshman against Baylor. The result: a broken nose. Three times since, while running with the football in practice he has had the nose broken.

Hard nose or not, you know McKaughan will be sticking his beak into the action. Broken noses are old hat to him now.

BATTALION SPORTS



A&M Rifle Team Tops LSU By 28

Texas A&M's rifle team opened the year's competition with a win over shooters from LSU here Saturday.

The Aggies fired a 1771 out of 2,000 possible to beat LSU's score of 1743.

High man for the A&M squad was Jack Merrell, a junior from Washington, D. C., who fired a 363 out of 400.

Team Wins 35, Then Loses Pants

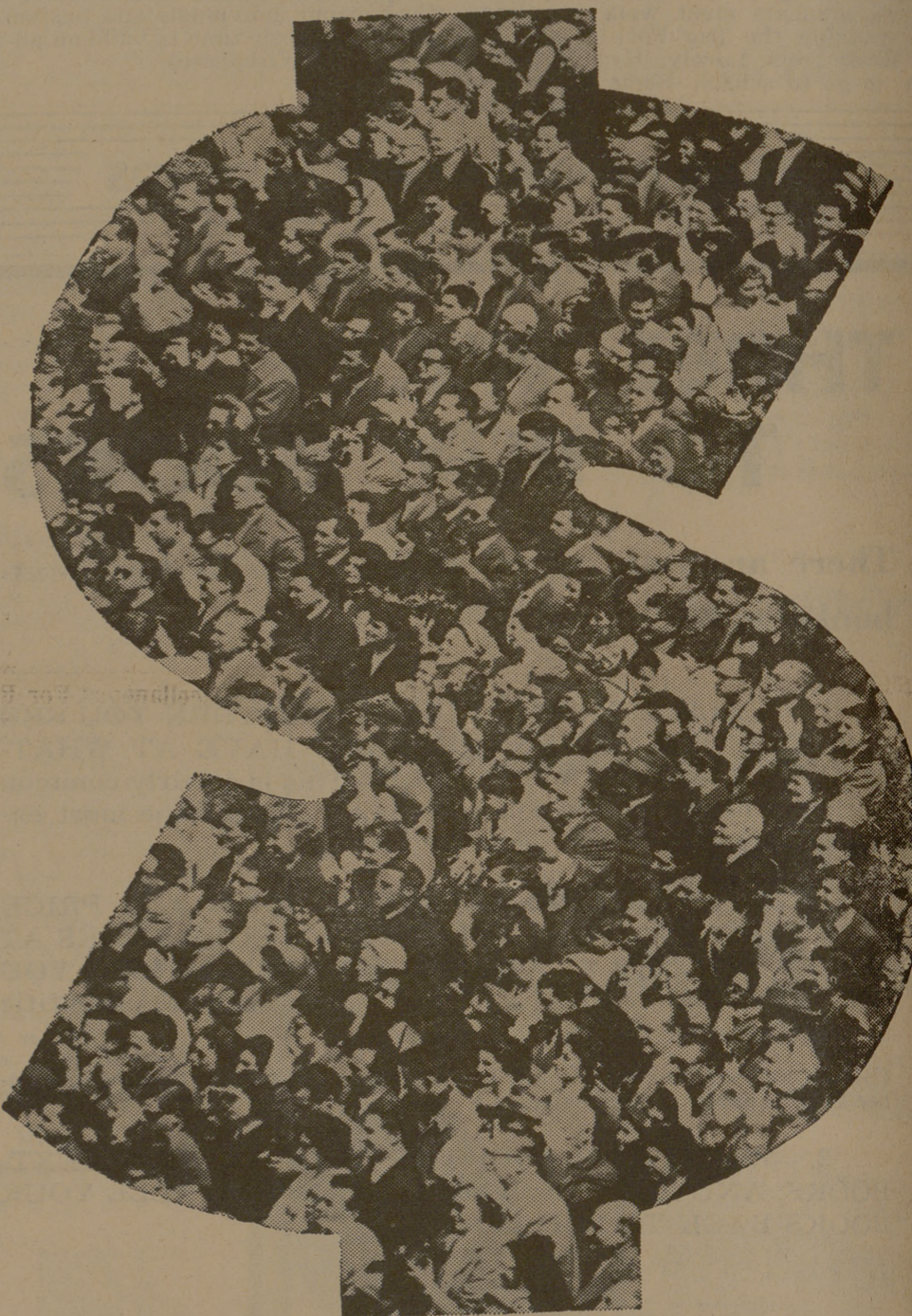
GENESEE, Idaho (AP) — The Genesee High School Bulldogs haven't lost a football game in 35 starts, but against Prairie of Cottonwood, they lost their pants. And because they did, the Bulldogs earned recognition as one-handed football team in Idaho.

The Genesee squad, it seems, donned brand new football pants before taking the field against Prairie. A Genesee player received the kickoff and started up the middle of the field. He stopped cold when his new pants fell to his knees.

Before long, every Genesee player on the field was holding up his pants with one hand as he tried to play football with the other. Elastic around the waist band of the pants apparently failed, but Coach Ozzi Kanikberg said belts would be available for the next game.

Oh yes, Genesee won the game 27-12.

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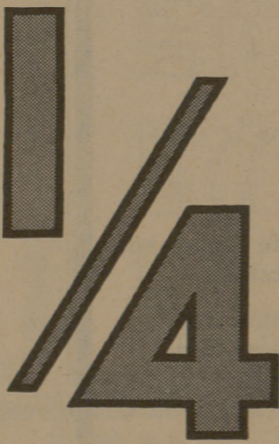
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