

# Schneider 'Home' At Fullback Slot

One day last August, in Trafford, Pa., young Dan Schneider received a telegram from A&M football coach Gene Stallings telling him to begin familiarizing himself with the fullback assignments in the A&M play book.

"I was happy to get that telegram," Schneider recalls. "I had played fullback in high school and I felt more at home there. I'll admit I was kinda lost at wingback during spring training. I'd always hoped they'd move me to fullback and I already knew the plays when the telegram arrived."

The telegram was prompted by the news that Ronnie Lindsey had fractured a small bone in his foot.

Schneider proved quickly that he was more at home at fullback than wingback in early fall drills. He established himself as the starter in the second game of the year, against Georgia Tech, and has withstood all challenges thus far.

The 19-year-old sophomore, who stands 5-11 and weighs 198, received two major college football offers—from Purdue and A&M—and numerous bids from

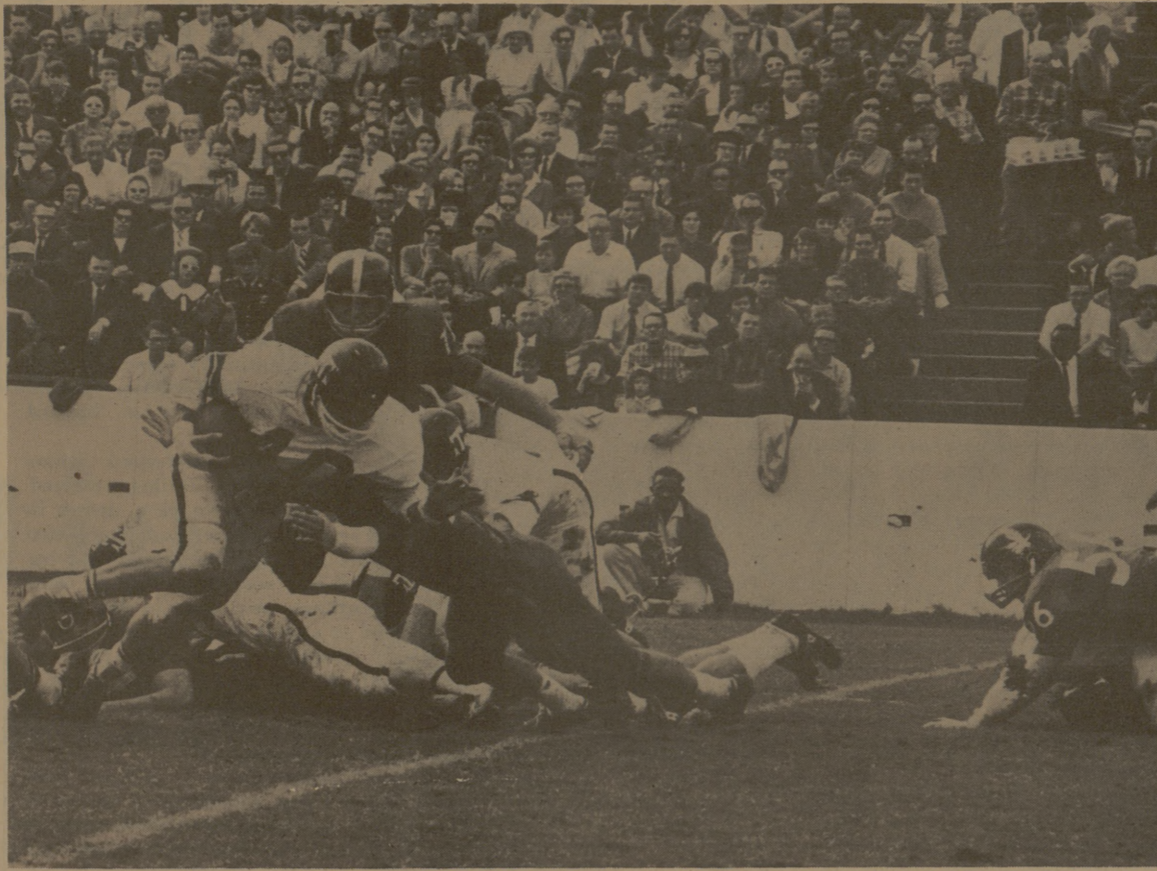
small colleges, after he finished at Trafford High. "I was more impressed by Texas A&M when I visited the campus and I just liked coach Jack O'Brien more than any of the other recruiters. I'm glad now that I picked A&M as my school."

At Trafford, a city of about 5,000 population, Schneider was a regular three years. He was a halfback his sophomore year and played fullback his last two seasons.

Schneider, who worked at a gas station back home last summer, says he prepared for this season more than for any previous football campaign. "I ran and worked out every opportunity I had."

Coach Stallings told touring writers in early September that the most improved player on the squad was Schneider. "He has been a very pleasant surprise this fall."

The fractured foot was a bad break, indeed, for Ronnie Lindsey, but it also was a good break for Dan Schneider. It provided the chance for him to "move back home" as a fullback.

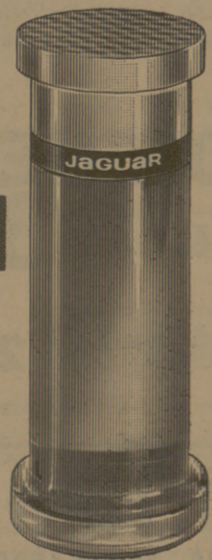


**DODGIN' DAN THE YARDAGE MAN**  
Fullback Dan Schneider (40) finds a little running room against Rice Saturday as the Aggie line opens a hole for him. He is second among A&M rushers this season with 213 yards on 57 carries for a 3.7 average. His longest rush this campaign was for 18 yards and he has added two kickoff returns to his list of carries for 19 more yards.



**"WHOA THERE, BIG BOY"**  
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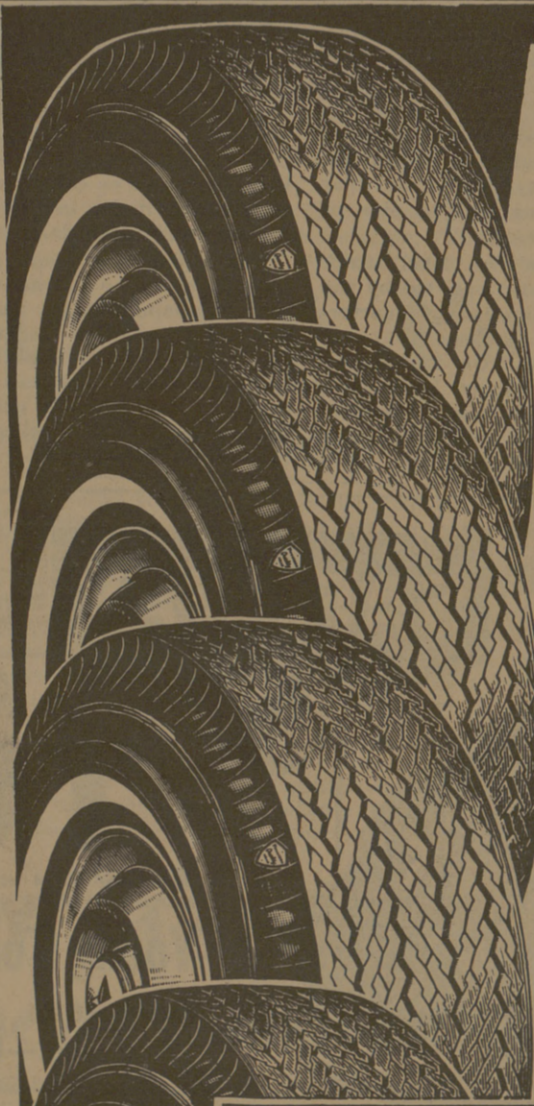


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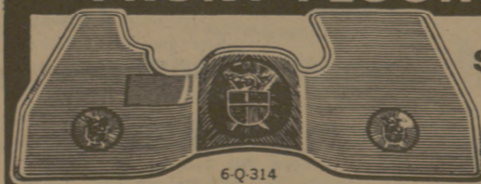
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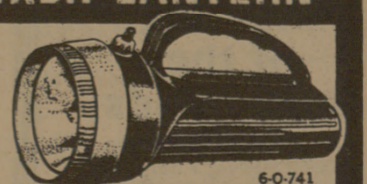
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