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1966 Aggie Cry: Lean and Mean

Strong First Units Carry Hope For Improvement

EDITOR'S NOTE: This article is a capsule outlook on the 1966 Texas Aggie football squad.

OFFENSIVE FORMATION: Variations of the "I".

DEFENSIVE FORMATION: Variations of the standard pro type 4-3 and 5-3 with a rover.

LETTERMEN LOST: The Aggies lost 14 lettermen from the 1965 squad, 11 of whom started at one time or another. In addition, they lost punter Phil Scoggin who averaged 43.6 yards on 88 kicks for a new school record. Two of the lettermen lost were Dude McLean and Joe Wellborn, who both made various all-Southwest Conference teams. McLean set a new school record in pass receiving with 60 catches for 835 yards and led the SWC in that category.

RETURNING LETTERMEN: Grady Allen, Bob Barnett, Ed Breeding, Ken Caffey, Robert Cortez, Lloyd Curington, Tuffy Fletcher, Lawson Howard, Don Koehn, Gary Kovar, Ken Lamkin, Harry Ledbetter, Larry Lee, Glynn Lindsey, Ronnie Lindsey, John Poss, Jack Pyburn, Bill Sallee, Dan Schneider, Jim Singleton, Joe Weiss and Dan Westerfield.

OUTSTANDING NEWCOMERS: Split end Tommy Maxwell, tackles Maurice Moorman, Rolf Krueger and Harvey Aschenbeck, halfbacks Wendell Housley, George Walker, and Tom Sooy, linebackers Bill Hobbs and Joe Wood, defensive halfbacks Gil Smith and Curley Hallman.

POSITION CHANGES: Major changes saw Ken Lamkin going from defensive tackle to defensive middle guard, sophomore quarterback Bob Long switching to halfback and Tom Buckman going from end to center.

SIZE: The offensive line, even with the addition of 250-pound Moorman, still will only average about 216 pounds. The defensive five-man front likely will average

about 206, very small for a major college club.

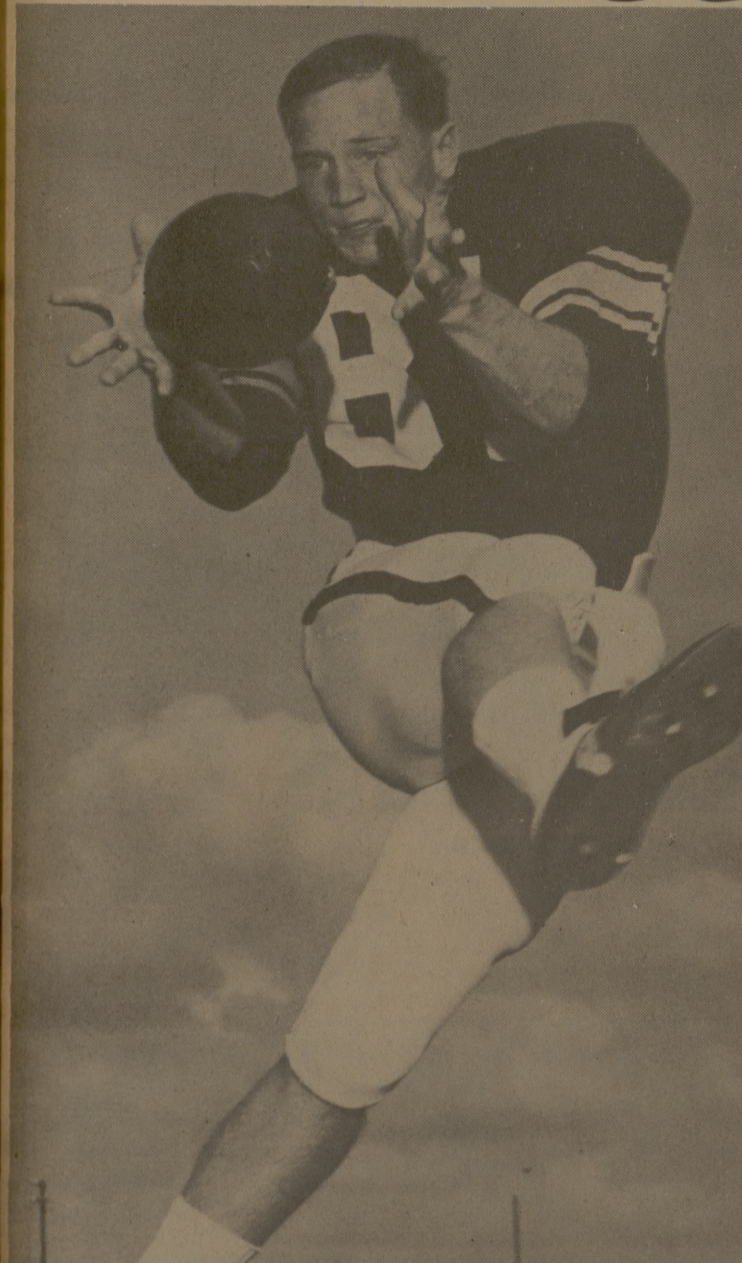
KICKING: A key problem. Glynn Lindsey returns to handle the Aggies' place kicking, but A&M goes into the season without a proven punter. A fine prospect, sophomore-to-be center Mike Caswell, who punted for the freshmen last season, was the top candidate until he was involved in an automobile accident during the spring. He will not see action this fall because his leg, which he broke during the car mishap, is not completely healed. Track hurdler Steve O'Neal looms as the top punter now.

PASSING: This phase of the Aggie game will be improved. Sophomores Edd Hargett and Charlie Riggs throw well but have no varsity experience. Harry Ledbetter had a disappointing spring but has improved steadily during fall workouts. Here is the way head Coach Gene Stallings views the quarterback situation: "Riggs is a good scrambler, Hargett throws well and Ledbetter has a year of experience. On the other hand, Riggs is too small, Ledbetter too slow and Hargett has had two operations on his knee."

RECEIVING: The loss of split end Dude McLean makes this somewhat of a problem. Larry Lee and Tommy Maxwell are battling for McLean's vacated post and both are good receivers but not experienced. All the backs and strongside end Ed Breeding have worked hard to improve their receiving.

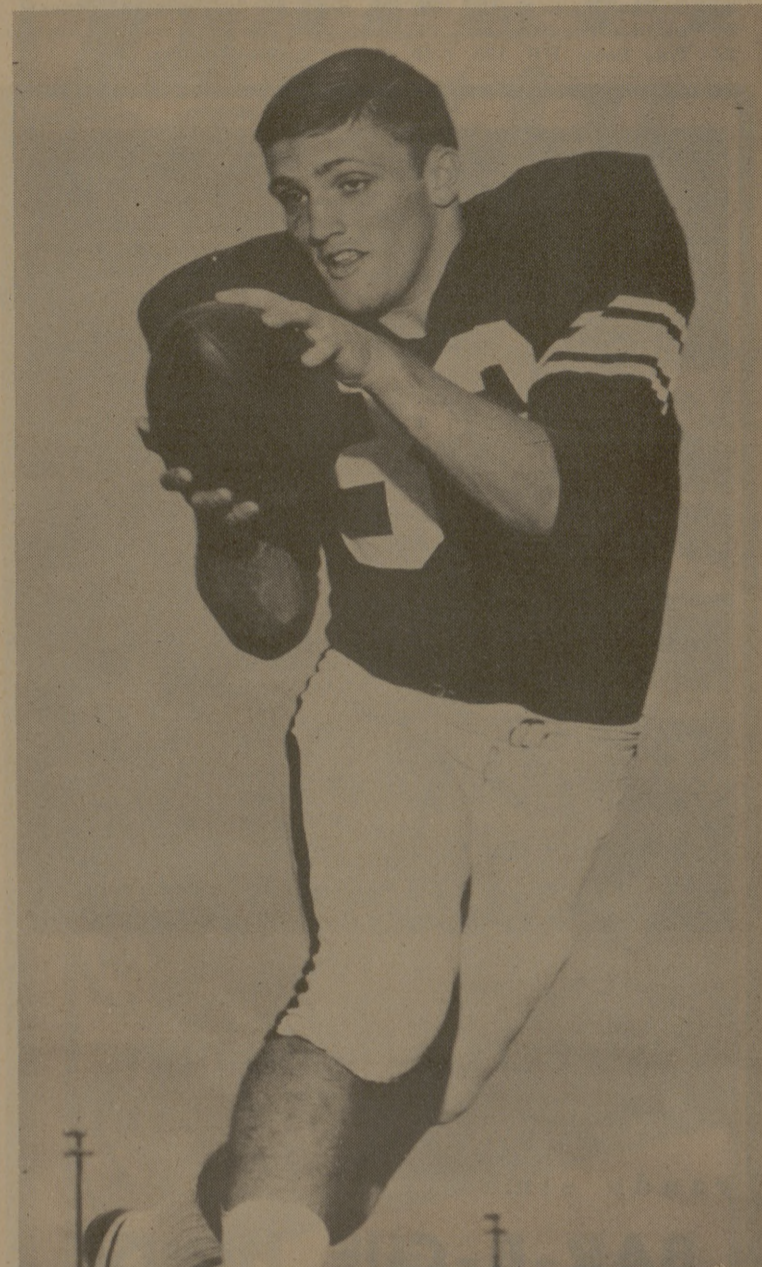
BRIGHT SPOTS: "I think we'll have a pretty good first team offensively and I think we'll have a pretty good first team defensively," says coach Gene Stallings. "Another strength of our team will be that we all want to win some games."

SUM UP: Too many sophomores and the lack of depth could prove fatal this fall for the Aggies. The Aggies will have to avoid injury to key personnel to make a good showing.



OFFENSIVE SPLIT END

... Tommy Maxwell is battling Larry Lee for position.



OFFENSIVE TACKLE

... Mark Weaver is top candidate for starting berth.



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