



FROM THE

Sidelines

By Gerald Garcia

Personnel Moves Will Help Aggies

Blocking, which is a vital part of a successful football team, was obviously missing during the Georgia Tech game, and this prompted Coach Gene Stallings to make several offensive line changes.

Stallings revealed during his weekly press conference yesterday that he had moved Ed Breeding from tight end to weak side tackle, Tommy Buckman from center to Breeding's old post and split end Larry Lee to second team halfback behind Wendell Housley. The Lee move was made because Lloyd Curington is out indefinitely with a leg injury.

These moves will obviously tighten up the offensive line, but the biggest move saw regular quarterback Harry Ledbetter moved to defensive rover.

The Ledbetter move came as a complete surprise to the press corps present for the conference since Harry had started 10 consecutive games for the Aggies as the field general. Why did Stallings make the change?

"Because when we have one of the sophomore quarterbacks in the game, one of our better folks (Ledbetter) is on the sidelines," the Aggie boss explained. "Since Harry is one of the most determined and football-educated players we have, I hate to keep him idle while either Hargett (Edd) or Riggs (Charlie) is directing the team.

"Of course the move might be just for a day or for the rest of the season depending on how fast Harry catches on to the new position and how he performs in practice and a game," Stallings said.

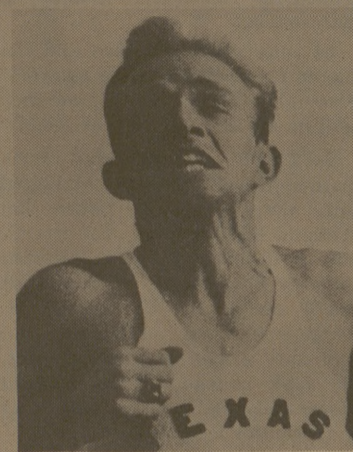
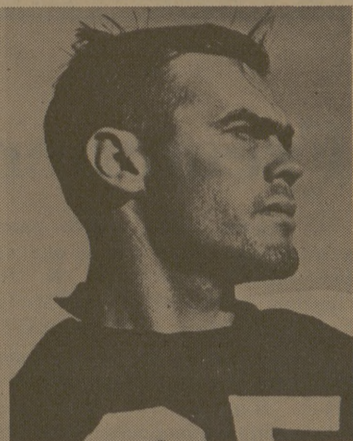
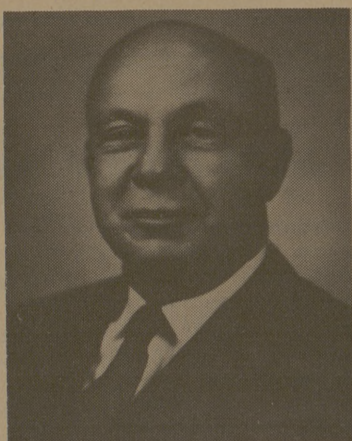
Stallings said the moves came after the Georgia Tech game rather than before because it is hard to see how a player really stands out by just watching him in practice.

"After having a game, then you can really tell if the players are in the right position," he said.

The moves might just be what the Aggies need. After the Tech game something had to be done and Stallings made his move.

Ledbetter will give the defense more football sense and allow the young quarterbacks to get more work. The offensive alignment changes should give the Aggie signal callers more pass protection and should provide better blocking for running plays.

No one will really know the answer until the Aggies are tested, but the answer will come quickly since A&M plays Tulane Saturday.



AGGIES HONORED

These four will be inducted into Texas A&M's Athletic Hall of Fame at College Station Oct. 29. They are, left to right, top: D. X. Bible and Dick Todd. Bottom: Joe Boyd and Art Harnden.

4 Aggie Exes Due Top Honor

Three football greats — two players and a coach — and a track olympian will be inducted into the Texas A&M Athletic Hall of Fame Oct. 29.

The new inductees will be:

1. Dana X. Bible, head football coach and athletic director, 1917 and 1919-28.
2. Joe M. Boyd, all-America tackle in 1939.
3. Dick Todd, all-SWC back in 1937 and 1938.
4. Arthur H. (Art) Harnden, U. S. Olympic team 1948, member of the winning 1600-meter relay team.

Bible won SWC football titles at A&M in 1917, 1919, 1921, 1925 and 1927. He had undefeated teams in 1917, 1919 and 1927 and his teams of 1917 and 1919 were not scored upon. His A&M football coaching record was 72-19-9. He also coached basketball and baseball at Aggieland. He had a 91-46 mark in basketball and won three SWC titles. His A&M baseball teams were 32-10.

The induction of these four athletic greats will be at a noon luncheon on Oct. 29. The Aggies will tangle with Arkansas in a SWC football game here that night.

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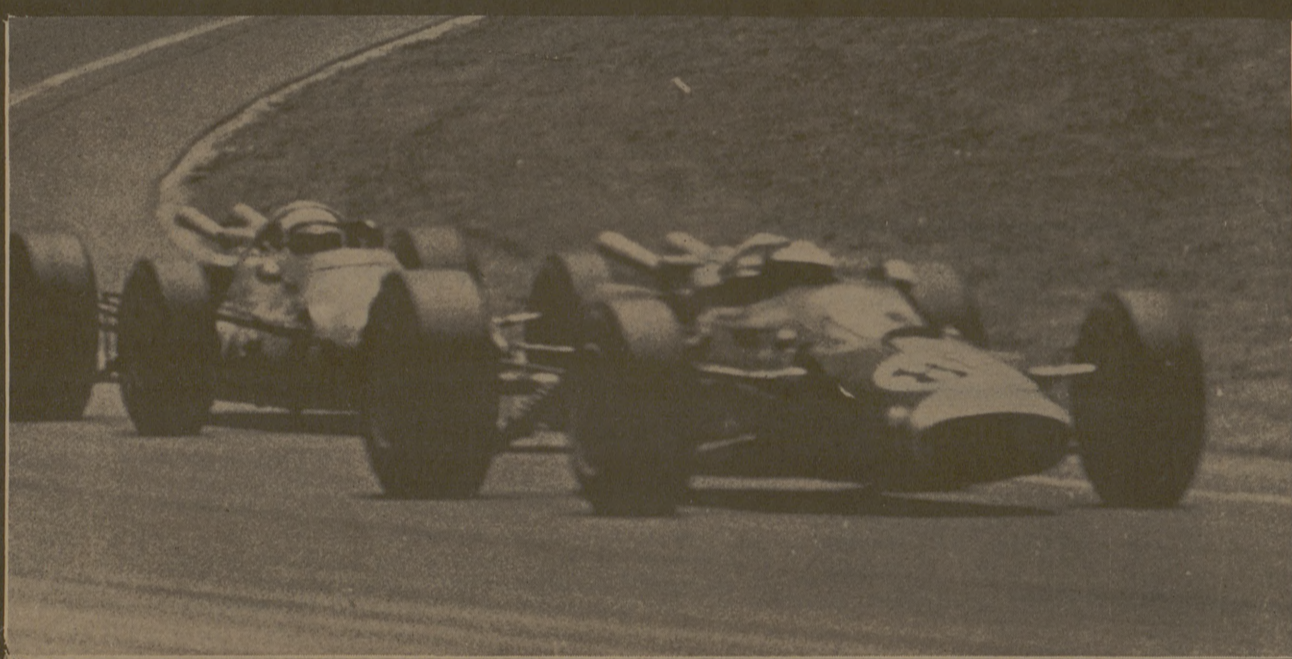
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