

Aggies' Kick And Carry Combination

One of the real bright spots on some rather dark days for the Texas Aggies this season is the punting of Steve O'Neal, a junior from nearby Hearne.

In the Aggies three games this season, O'Neal has been called on 20 times and has compiled a

44.8 average, which places him second in the Southwest Conference and eighth in the nation. His longest effort came Saturday night with a 62-yarder against LSU.

Oddly, O'Neal didn't arrive at Texas A&M on a football scholarship. He was recruited by Track Coach Charlie Thomas as a hurdler and he has won two varsity track letters as a hurdler, broad jumper and a member of relay teams.

He requested a try-out as a punting specialist and Coach Gene Stallings had only to watch him a few minutes before he consented. O'Neal spent one season on the sidelines while Phil Scoggin did the punting. But, he was the punter in 1966 and finished eighth in the nation with a 42.3-

yard average on 67 kicks. His longest kick last year was 73 yards.

The 6-3, 175-pounder, a pre-dental student majoring in biology, competed in track, football, basketball and baseball at Hearne High School. He also made the National Honor Society as a student.

O'Neal could be termed a "loner" on the Aggie practice field. There are times when he is with the others during punt coverage drills or when the safeties are working on receiving. But, much of the time O'Neal is alone, booting three or four footballs to one end of the field and then running downfield to kick them the other direction.

He has tremendous leg thrust but seemingly punts with little

effort. The 21-year-old redhead got off to a great start in the 1967 opener and if he can continue with similar performances the rest of the year, Aggie foes are going to be in the hole a lot of the time when they get possession of the football.

Some pro clubs might be looking for punting specialists and it's no secret that virtually all of them have O'Neal in mind for the future.

When talk gets around to fullbacks one naturally thinks of big, powerful people who bull their way over foes by sheer force.

Such is not the case at Texas A&M where senior Bill Sallee holds forth at that position. Sallee, from the West Texas city of

Midland, stands all of 5-10 and tips the scales at 179.

But, for five yards, he is the fastest man on the Aggie squad and quickness is a necessity for A&M fullbacks who must hit at holes rapidly. Beyond that, however, the stout-legged Sallee is an excellent blocker and that, too, is a prime requirement of fullbacks.

Last week, against a strong defensive LSU club, Sallee ran 10 times for 63 yards, an average of 6.3-yards per carry and caught one pass for nine yards.

On the young Aggie club, Sallee is one of six seniors and one of four seeking a third varsity letter. He played tailback as a sophomore and was at both tailback and fullback last season when injuries let him leave the bench.

His biggest play last year was on a wake punt when the ball was slipped to him and he raced 25 yards against TCU. That play came on a third-and-21 situation and it gave the Aggies a first down on TCU's 37 and sent A&M toward their second touchdown of the first quarter. A&M went on to win, 35-7.

Sallee first made a football name for himself as a running back at Midland High in his sophomore year. Then, in the fourth game of his junior year he broke four bones in his back. He didn't play anymore that year or his senior season and then he spent one year at New Mexico Military Academy in Roswell, N.M., completing his high school work. The Aggies recruited him on that limited football background and they've never regretted it.

Sallee was A&M's second-leading rusher as a junior with 231 yards on 51 carries, an average of 4.5. This year he has run 21 times for 98 yards, an average of 4.7. He's second only to Wendell Housley who has 105 yards.

Bill is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Sallee of Midland. His father is part owner of Cardinal Chemical Company.

The 22-year-old Aggie is majoring in finance.

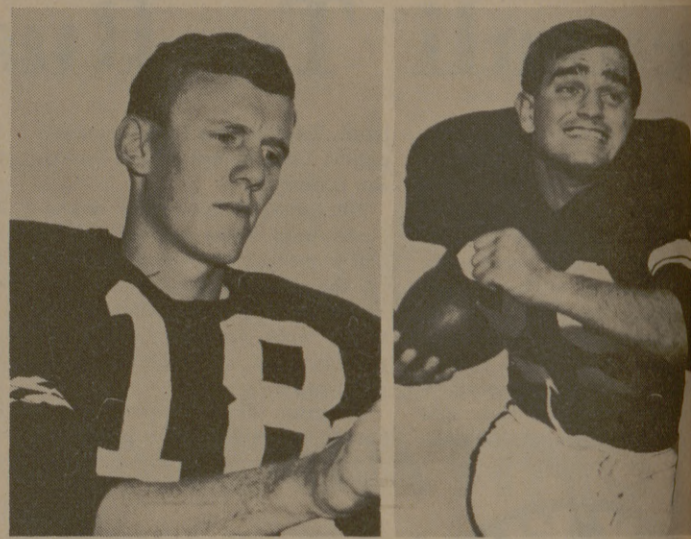
Ag Booters Host Houston

The Aggie varsity soccer team goes into its third game of the season Saturday afternoon at 2 p.m. with a conference game here against the Houston Cougar booters.

With their record evened at 1-1 last weekend, the Ag booters will be looking for a victory in their first conference action. Last Saturday the Aggies lost to LSU 6-3 at Baton Rouge. On Sept. 23, the Ags topped Allen Academy, 10-1, to open the season.

The team has moved its home games from the south-campus site to the drill field in front of the Memorial Student Center. The team has received increased support from the administration this fall and will be looking for student support this Saturday.

The team made an impressive showing against LSU, annually one of the top teams in the South. Houston will be no pushover so the Aggies will have their hands full.



STEVE O'NEAL

BILL SALLEE

Fish Tackle Wogs To Begin Season

By JERRY GRISHAM

When last spring's recruiting stampede was over, the Texas Aggies were said to have acquired a more than adequate stable of blue-ribbon high school backs.

Tonight the Aggie Fish play the Texas Christian Wogs in Kyle Field and it will be determined if last fall's blue-ribbon prep stars will be able to shine in the Southwest Conference firmament.

GAME TIME for the freshman contest is 7:30. All fans are requested to sit on the west side of the stadium in the lower section between the goal lines.

No one will be allowed in the upper section of the west side or on the east side because of after-game maintenance of the stadium and also because of construction work.

Quarterbacking the Fish will be Rocky Self, a 6-1 165-pounder from San Antonio MacArthur. At tailback is Gary Armbrister, 5-10, 188, at fullback is Larry Kelly, 6-1, 196 and Dave Elmendorf, 6-2, 184, is the wingback.

They will be running behind what is probably one of the largest Aggie Freshman lines in a long time. The offensive line averages 221 pounds per man with such as Mitch Robertson at strong end, 6-2, 213; Mike Tighe, 6-2, 242, at strong tackle; strong guard Jim Parker, 6-1, 194; center Benny DeWitt, 6-4, 225; weak

guard Mike Fields, 6-3, 222; tackle, Andy Phillely, 6-4, 223; weak end Mike DeNiro, 6-1, 180.

THE PROBABLE starting line-up for the Fish defense is: end, Jerry Minaryard, 6-0, 185; tackle, Dale Watts, 6-4, 185; guard, Lenard Millsap, 6-1, 185; right guard, Tommy Dean, 5-11, 193; right tackle, Bloodworth, 6-0, 187; right end, Jim Segrest, 6-0, 180; left tackle, Wayne Hartrider, 6-0, 180; right linebacker, Andy Tull, 6-2, 198; left halfback, Elmendorf; safety, Lee Hill, 6-3, 163; right halfback, Mark Ford, 5-11, 174.

Both the visiting Wogs and Fish have four all-stars in starting lineup. For the Wogs they are John Nelson at defensive left tackle, Vernon Mack at the tailback position, Jim Hodges at defensive left halfback and at right safety Jimmy Twell.

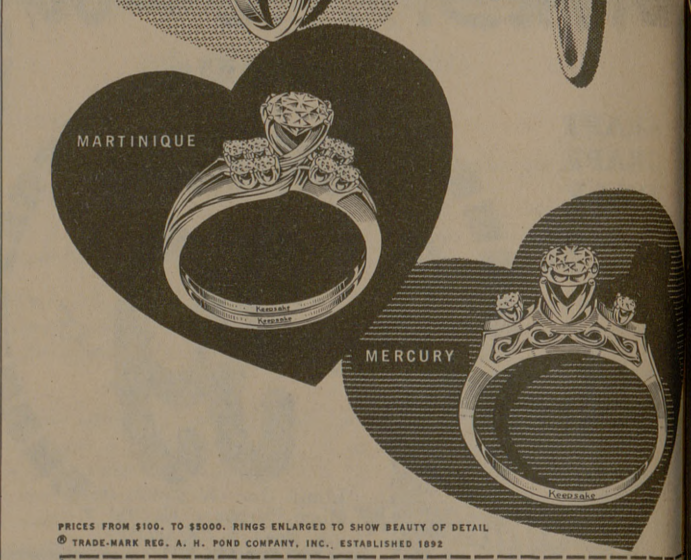
DeNiro, Robertson, Watts and Elmendorf are the Aggie starters.

IN LAST YEAR'S contest Fort Worth, the TCU freshman clobbered the Fish 35-12 and this year's crop of Aggie Fish are on some score that is similar with A&M on the heavy side the numbers.

Admission to the game will be \$1 for adults and 50 cents for students. A&M students will be admitted on activity cards.

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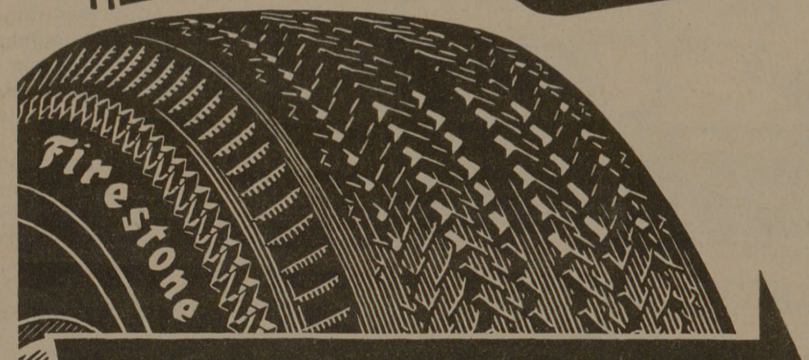
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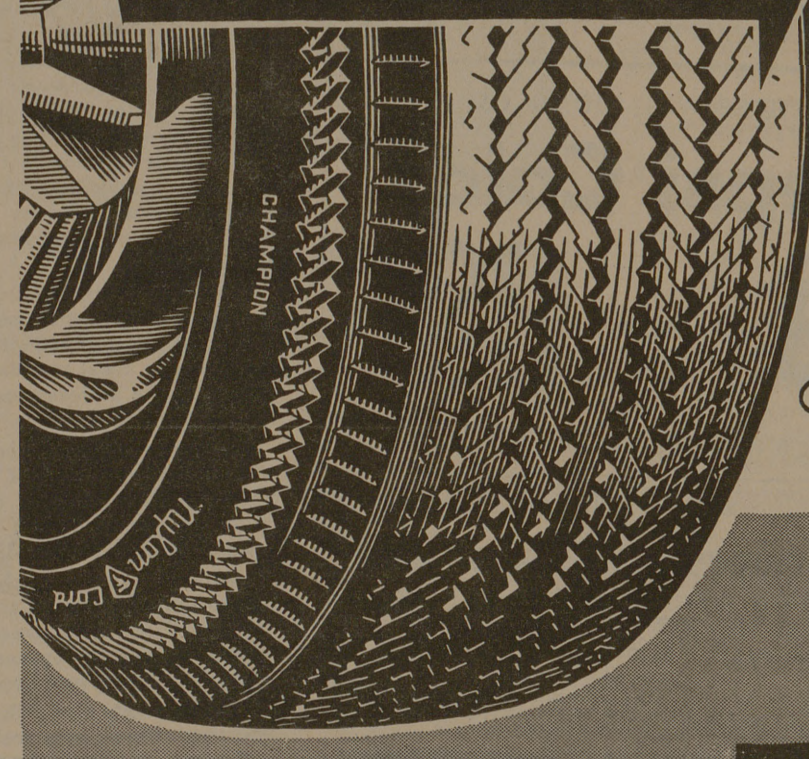
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