

GRAB SOMETHING AND HOLD ON

Whites swarm around a Maroon runner in an effort to bring him down in a controlled scrimmage on Kyle Field Saturday. The Ags will be doing much the same to the tune of "Hold That Tiger" when they play the Tigers of Louisiana State University Sept. 20. The Maroons beat the Whites, 27-6. (Photo by Bob Stump)

Hargett's Ability to Lead Impressed Sheffield Most

Being exposed for a year to the wizardry of Edd Hargett has been a big plus for quarterback Jimmy Sheffield. But it wasn't Hargett's passing prowess which most impressed the Houston junior.

"Edd was a great passer all right," Sheffield said, "but his leadership was the thing that impressed me. Edd took charge on the field, and the players did what he said."

Sheffield wants to become technically proficient, of course, but his main goal now is taking command of the offense. If com-

ments from fellow players are any guide, the 6-0, 180-pounder is reaching that target.

"Sheffield takes control," says senior center Jack Kovar. "I was on the other side in the spring game, but in the last couple of days before the end of spring training he really took over and we all knew that Jimmy was going to be the quarterback."

"He's sure of himself," senior tight end Ross Brupbacher says. "He can run and he can throw and he believes he can score. We think a lot of Hargett here, but I have as much respect for Jim-

my. If he does anything better than Edd it is run."

"Sheffield's not a bad quarterback," coach Gene Stallings comments. "I think he is going to be a better quarterback than a lot of people think."

The Houston Waltrip product is one of a host of Aggies from the Gulf Coast area, another factor which worked in Sheffield's favor. "Jimmy Adams and Tommy Sooy lived near me this summer so I got a lot of practice throwing to them," Sheffield said. Adams and Sooy are split ends for the Aggies.

Though Sheffield is a junior letterman, his monogram does not denote any quarterback experience. In fact, he has not had any game experience at the man-under slot since high school. Jimmy was ineligible his freshman year at A&M, then lettered at tailback as a sophomore when Larry Stegert was injured.

"The only thing that concerns me about Sheffield is that he has not been tested in a game," Stallings says. "It takes a quarterback a little while to get accustomed to playing in front of a lot of people."

The year at tailback gave a good indication of Sheffield's running ability, a talent which A&M's offense hasn't had for several years. Jimmy came off the bench to post a 62-yard run against Texas Tech last year, and gained 129 yards in his first full game at tailback.

Sheffield's talent carrying the ball is also a tipoff that the Aggies won't be throwing the ball 37 times a game as they did last year. "We'll have a more balanced offense," says Stallings.

Airplane Seats Filling Rapidly For A&M-Army Game Oct. 3

Seats on the Texas A&M senior class-sponsored charter flight to New York for the A&M-Army football game are filling fast, according to the Student Finance Center.

Forty-two seats are still available on the 198-passenger jetliner scheduled to lift off from Houston Friday, Oct. 3.

An average of 12 reservations a week are received at the Student Finance Center, with the flight expected to be full by Monday, the start of fall classes.

Jimmy Dunham of Baytown,

senior class president, explained the trip is open to any A&M student, male or female, and the student's wife or husband.

New freshmen also are eligible to make reservations, Dunham noted.

Former students have been asked to contribute to the trip with hopes enough funds will be received to "send an Aggie halfway."

The Student Finance Center reports \$625 has been received so far.

A \$30 down payment must be made with each reservation and students have until Sept. 23 to pay the total cost of \$120. The price includes all transportation and two nights lodging in a Manhattan hotel.

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Elmendorf's Versatility Rarity

In a world of specialists, A&M's Dave Elmendorf is a rarity. The junior safety is a throwback to the days when athletes did anything and everything . . . and for the pure joy of it.

As a sophomore during the 1968 grid season, Elmendorf played fullback, tailback, wingback, defensive halfback and safety. While at one of the running back positions, the Houston Westbury product carried 29 times for 177 yards and a 6.1 ave.

Those totals include a team best of 17 carries for 129 yards against Florida State. He caught six passes for 91 yards and one touchdown before switching to

defense where he intercepted a pass and recovered a fumble.

That's good versatility for a football player, but Elmendorf's talents don't end there. As a freshman baseballer for the Aggies, Elmendorf was named to the All-Southwest Conference team and made the Region 6 All-America squad.

During the past summer, Elmendorf played amateur baseball for the Wichita (Kans.) Cessnas. He was named Most Valuable Player in the Kansas state tournament and led the league in hits.

To top it all off, the 6-1, 190-pounder is also a distinguished student in the College of Liberal

Arts.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Elmendorf of Houston, Dave almost didn't make it to A&M. Pro baseball wanted him badly following a high school career which saw him hit over .400 twice and gain All-America honors. He was also president of his junior class, vice president of his senior class and a member of the National Honor Society.

But Elmendorf stayed true to family tradition, following his father and two older brothers to Aggieland.

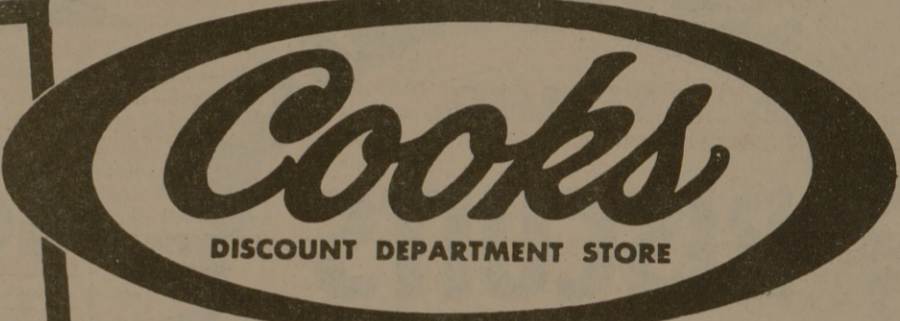
This season should be one of more stability for Elmendorf. He'll start in the defensive back-

field against LSU in Baton Rouge Sept. 20, and he'll probably stay there. Added depth has alleviated some of the injury problems which prompted Elmendorf's many moves a year ago.

Though only a junior, Elmendorf has the added responsibility of being the leader for the defensive secondary, since the other two members are both sophomores. But Dave's great attitude and enthusiasm for the game will make that mantle easy to wear.

A prime candidate for post-season honor teams, Elmendorf's play will go a long way toward determining the kind of season A&M will have in 1969.

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