



## Many Aggies make NFL

### Roaches heads success list

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National Football League begins yet another season.

For the average American male, it means focusing the eyes for another four months of bug-eyed tube watching while gathering plenty of snacks and liquid spirits.

For several former Texas Aggie footballers, however, it means a chance to start or continue a promising NFL career.

Perhaps two of the best underdog stories coming out of this year's pre-season are personified by Aggies Carl Roaches and Adger Armstrong. Through a chain of events even they could not have anticipated, both men have made the final Houston Oilers squad.

Just a year ago, Roaches was driving an ice-cream truck down the streets of his native East Houston neighborhood. Now, at 26, he's the oldest rookie to make the Oilers.

The 1975 NCAA punt-return champion and Southwest Conference punt-returner of the decade, Roaches had his first pro encounter in 1976 when he was signed by Tampa Bay as a free agent out of Texas A&M.

Unfortunately, he missed the final cut. The Buccaneers ironically went on to the worst season in NFL history, finishing 0-14. That's the first and only time a team failed to win a single game.

The professional trail later temporarily ended for Roaches when he was released in mid-1977 by Saskatchewan of the Canadian Football League.

Since then, the 5-foot-8, 165-pounder played nary a down until two months ago. During that time, he was not completely inactive. On the contrary, he twice asked the Oilers for an off-season tryout and was refused both times.

Houston's reasoning made sense to Roaches. The team told him it didn't need another little guy like Billy Johnson (While at Texas A&M, Roaches had a size 31 waist, just two inches smaller than the thighs of then 275-pound guard Billy Lemons).

But all that changed after Johnson's serious knee injury last year. In fact, Roaches led the Oilers in the 1980 pre-season with 11.8 yards per punt and 24.5 yards per kickoff.

Armstrong's place on the Houston roster is no less remarkable. At six feet and 210 pounds, the four-year Aggie letterman did not exactly pile up the kind of collegiate career statistics that impress pro coaches and scouts.

After all, he only gained 462 yards in limited action with 308 of those coming as a senior in 1978. Admittedly, he did average 4.9 yards a car-

ry that last year, with a career average of 4.1.

However, what probably helped Armstrong make the Oilers is his Aggie special teams experience, not to mention a slight bit of pass receiving along the way. It has been mentioned through various sources that he would have never had a chance had he come into the Houston camp as a running back only.

The roster spot Armstrong occupies was also opened up by a manpower shortage created when veteran Ken Burrough suffered a knee injury. Although the former Aggie running back was waived by the Oilers Monday, he was re-signed Tuesday after Burrough was placed on the injured reserved list. Burrough must stay on that list for at least four weeks.

While Armstrong and Roaches were two of the rarer stories this summer, other Aggies have made their presence felt. Included in this group are Curtis Dickey and Jacob Green.

The second-most prolific ground-gainer in Southwest Conference history, Dickey started out the summer acting as though he might forget about playing pro football in 1980 because of a contract dispute.

The controversy between the Baltimore Colts management and Dickey's agent dragged on for weeks, only to end suddenly and swiftly. While terms were not announced, the agreement apparently was satisfactory to both sides.

More importantly, it allowed Dickey to get on with the job of playing football. A tailback at Texas A&M, he was nevertheless drafted as a wide receiver due to his phenomenal speed.

So far, the Colts coaching staff has nothing but good things to say. They are especially pleased with Dickey's adapting to the Baltimore system. He reportedly has moved right in and made himself at home.

There is one cloud marring the dawning of the Bryan native's pro play. Last Sunday, in a game against Atlanta, Dickey suffered a deep thigh bruise while going up for a high pass. He suffered a vicious hit, but is recovering and expected to see action in Sunday's opener against the New York Jets.

Nothing but good things are also being said about Green, who made the Aggie all-Decade squad for the seventies as a defensive tackle and was Texas A&M's only all-America last year.

Drafted by the Seattle Seahawks, Green signed a series of five one-year contracts. Seattle Scout Jeff Smith recently told Aggie Assistant Sports Information Director David Walker that "if you have any more down there like him (Green), then

send them up to us." Some people are even suggesting that Green may wind up being the defensive rookie of the year in the American Conference and perhaps the entire NFL as well.

Finally, some mention should be made of the recent departure of two Aggies from the Los Angeles Rams. One player left on good terms and the other left in equally poor repute.

Another member of the Aggie all-decade squad, Dave Elmedorf was one of the greatest student athletes in Texas A&M history. Playing between 1968 and 1970, he was an all-America safety, centerfielder and Academic all-America. Having played nine years for the Rams, Elmedorf retired this year, saying he wanted to step down and enter private business while still in good physical shape.

Less than triumphant was the leaving of cornerback Pat Thomas. He left Los Angeles after four seasons, mired deeply in a bitter contract dispute. His current situation certainly makes an interesting comparison to that of people like Carl Roaches and Adger Armstrong.

## Lemons and assistant to testify

AUSTIN — University of Texas basketball coach Abe Lemons and one of his assistants have been subpoenaed to testify Sept. 18 before a federal grand jury. The Austin American-Statesman said Thursday. The subject of the inquiry apparently is money spent by Lloyd Davis, a former president of the Peoples National Bank of Lampasas. Lemons told the newspaper that Davis is "a good friend" who has team during a National Invitational Tournament in New York. "There has been nothing secret about Davis' support of the basketball team," the coach said. "I'd written the bank and thanked them for the hospitality and the car." Davis, a UT alumnus, retired from the bank about two years ago. Lemons said he did not know the reason for the grand jury interest.

"I wouldn't want to say anything to hurt him (Davis) if he's implicated in any way," he said. Darrell Royal, former UT athletics head, said he was aware of Davis' actions, but said there is nothing wrong with it as far as a university is concerned. Alumni may buy cars for coaches and help for trips, "as long as you don't do it for those players," he said. Davis, said to be out of town on a family trip, was unavailable for comment. An NCAA official, Bill Hunt of Prairie Village, Kan., said it is only for someone to pay the necessary expenses of an institution. The federal grand jury is also hearing testimony about alleged stakes gambling, but the newspaper said this apparently is not related to that investigation.

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