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'MAKINGS OF BETTER CLUB'

Otters Work on Attitude

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Moe Agler isn't expecting miracles . . . only progress.

He knows he's still saddled with a young ball club that will continue to make mistakes, but he feels his Otterbein College football team should be a better test for most of the teams on its schedule than the one he "inherited" a year ago.

Head football coach at his alma mater for 11 years (1955-1965) before "retiring" to devote fulltime to his athletic director duties, he decided to give the coaching game a second whirl, taking over for his resigned successor, Larry Lintner, last fall.

Agler

Kuzyk

Albright

Traylor

"I THINK we have the makings of a pretty good ball club enrolled in school now," said Agler in reference to last fall's freshman group and the incoming one this fall.

"Our future depends upon keeping the boys we have in school and developing a winning attitude. It looks to me like we're starting to get better athletes who will allow us to compete in the near future.

"We're still making mistakes a young team makes, and a lot of them are the result of indecision. We've put in a lot of offense and defense . . . about all we will put in for the year . . . a lot of what we will be doing now is repeition; trying to smooth out everything."

DESPITE THE loss of Norm Lukey, whose 5,391 air yards place him second on the all-time Ohio Conference career passing list, Agler puts the "pretty good" tag on his quarterback situation.

Naval Academy transfer Jerry Elliott will probably open Saturday at Kenyon with Jim Bontadelli and Greg Miller in reserve.

Elliott (6-1, 180) and Bontadelli (5-10, 180) are both Westerville natives. This will be Elliott's only season in an Otter uniform.

"All three have the ability to run and our quarterbacks will do some running this year," says Agler. "Elliott is smart . . . he reads defenses well; he's going to help us because of his knowledge of the game."

DOUG THOMSON, a competent veteran with two years of eligibility remaining, and fullback Eric Nuppola, injured most of last season, are the top running backs.

Both are Canadians. So is Dennis Kuzyk (20 receptions for 308 yards). He will also carry the ball some from his left halfback post.

The 6-0, 205-pound Thomson averaged 5.1 yards a crack last fall. He carried 159 times for 818 net yards and eight touchdowns. He was also on the receiving end of 20 passes for 265 yards and one six-pointer.

"He's the best all-around running back I've ever had here," says Agler. "He can run either inside or out, and he picks his holes well."

Fastest (4.6 secs. 40) of the running backs is Middletown Madison freshman Jim Cox, 5-10, 170. He was a consistent 10 flat 100-yard dash man in high school. Sophomore Wayne Blevins, 6-0, 215, is Nuppola's understudy.

TWO MORE Westerville natives will open at the offensive ends. Steve Traylor, 31 receptions for 347 yards and two TD's, returns at the split post and Dan Fagan, 6-1, 185, will be the tight end. Leif Petterson (6-2, 170) will support both in a swingshift role.

Larry Schultz, 6-3, and Tom Cahill, 6-2, 210, will be at the tackles; either Dave Jewell, 5-7, 175, or Joe Campigotto, 5-8, 190, at left guard, and Bill Spooner, 5-10, 190, on the right side, and Joe Smith, 6-1, 190, at center comprise the interior of the offensive line.

A glance at the defense indicates several of the aforementioned will also lend a hand when the other team has the ball.

CAHILL AND Spooner have both been working at defensive end posts and Schultz and Jewell have been sharing the middle guard assignment. Les Donehue, 6-0, 195, and Dale Chittum, 5-11, 205, are two other defensive ends. Chittum, a regular last year, has been slowed by a sprained ankle.

Mike Shannon, 6-3, 220, Lancaster, a first team pick on the UPI Class AAA high school team last fall, will start at left tackle. Doug Ridding, 6-2, 210, is ticketed for the other starting nod. He's been slowed by a strained knee.

Doug Denney, 5-10, 190, and John Johnson, 5-11, 205, will be the linebackers. Bob Rushton, 6-1, 210, recovering from a hyperextended elbow, will also see considerable service.

Ed Hartung (6-0, 200) and Porter Kauffman (5-10, 180) at the corners, and safeties Mark Leopold (5-10, 180) and Jim Albright (5-8, 170) comprise the secondary. Albright will also be employed on occasion as a running back.

OTTERBEIN'S 2-7 record on the field last season included a 2-5 finish in the OC. For the record, a third game was added to both win columns when a 76-0 loss at Wittenberg was reversed because of an ineligible Tiger player.

The schedule:

Sept. 18—at Kenyon; 25—Ashland (N). Oct. 2—Wittenberg (N); 9 — at Mt. Union; 16—at Hiram; 23—Marietta; 30—Defiance (N). Nov. 6—at Denison.

DOUG THOMSON
Top Running Back

STANDINGS

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

	Won	Lost	Pct.	GB
Pittsburgh	89	59	.601	—
St. Louis	82	65	.558	6½
New York	76	69	.524	11½
Chicago	74	72	.507	14
Montreal	63	81	.438	24
Philadelphia	60	87	.408	28½

West Division

San Francisco	83	63	.565	—
Los Angeles	81	66	.551	2
Atlanta	74	74	.500	9½
Houston	73	74	.497	10
Cincinnati	72	77	.483	12
San Diego	54	93	.367	29

Monday's Results

New York 4, Montreal 2, 1st game; 5 innings, 2nd game, rain
Philadelphia 6, St. Louis 5, 10 innings
Pittsburgh 5, Chicago 1
Cincinnati 2, Atlanta 1, 13 innings
Los Angeles 5, San Francisco 4
Houston 3, San Diego 2

Tuesday's Games

Montreal (Stoneman 14-14 and Strohmayer 7-5) at New York (McAndrew 1-5 and Ryan 9-12), 2
Pittsburgh (Johnson 9-9 or Moose 9-7) at Chicago (Jenkins 21-12)
Atlanta (Reed 12-12) at Cincinnati (Gullett 15-5), night
Los Angeles (Downing 18-8) at San Francisco (Perry 14-11), night
Philadelphia (Wise 14-13) at St. Louis (Zachary 4-7), night
San Diego (Norman 2-12) at Houston (Blasingame 9-10), night

Wednesday's Games

Chicago at New York, 2 twi-night
Montreal at Philadelphia, night
St. Louis at Pittsburgh, night
Atlanta at Houston, night
San Diego at Los Angeles, night
Cincinnati at San Francisco, night

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division

	Won	Lost	Pct.	GB
Baltimore	89	52	.631	—
Detroit	82	65	.558	10
Boston	76	72	.514	16½
New York	73	73	.500	18½
Washington	58	85	.406	32
Cleveland	56	88	.389	34½

West Division

Oakland	93	53	.637	—
Kansas City	78	68	.534	15
Chicago	69	77	.473	24
California	69	79	.466	25
Minnesota	67	78	.462	25½
Milwaukee	63	83	.432	30

Monday's Results

Baltimore 9-5, Detroit 1-10
New York 4, Boston 0
Washington at Cleveland, rain
Chicago 6, Milwaukee 3
Oakland 2, Kansas City 1, 11 innings
California 3-0, Minnesota 2-1

Tuesday's Games

Oakland (Segui 9-6) at Kansas City (Splittorff 8-7), night
Chicago (Bradley 13-13 at Milwaukee (Lockwood 9-13), night
Detroit (Lolich 23-11) at Baltimore (Palmer 18-7), night
New York (Stottlemyre 13-11) at Boston (Moret 2-2), night
Washington (Gogolewski 4-4 and Broberg 5-7) at Cleveland (Dunning 8-13 and Colbert 5-4), 2, twi-night
Only games scheduled

Wednesday's Games

California at Kansas City
Minnesota at Milwaukee, night
Oakland at Chicago, 2, twi-night
Washington at Detroit, night
Boston at Cleveland, night
New York at Baltimore, night

Here are the starting times for Tuesday's major league baseball games in EDT:
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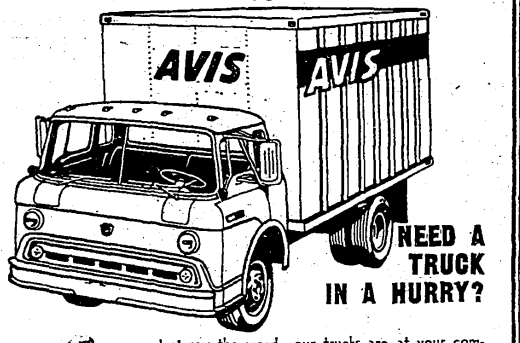

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