

# Bowl Champ Cougars Look Forward to Swifter 1963

By JOHN HOLLIS

In Orlando, Fla., last week Bill Yeoman accepted best wishes for the Holiday season, then sat back and contemplated a Happy New Year in the manner of a man who already knows what fills UH stockings for 1963.

"I wish we had the seniors who played in the Tangerine Bowl for one more year," the UH head football coach reflected after his team had blitzed Miami (Ohio), 49-21. "We'll probably be playing with 11 sophomores on the second unit, but we'll be OK."

**"THE BACKFIELD** potential is probably greater than any I saw at Michigan State. In fact, we'll have the most speed I've ever been associated with, line and backfield."

In his first season as UH coach Yeoman simply ignored the fact his club was predominantly sophomore and played everybody. The result was a 7-4 record, including the bowl win, and a good backlog of experience to work with in 1963. He'll have 10 seniors and 22 juniors, practically all of whom saw action, back for next year.

And then there's that singular crop of mercurial sophs-to-be. "And behind them," Yeoman tells you, "we need to put another good freshman squad. Then we'll have our program on a pretty sound basis."

**SPEAKING STRICTLY** of next year, Yeoman warns of another killing UH schedule, but admits his troops should make things interesting for everybody.

"Using Michigan State as a criteria," Yeoman confided,

"there are several on the team with the potential for All-America. If they dedicate themselves to a team effort they'll have the chance to realize that potential."

Yeoman expects his veterans of 1962 to be the leaders of '63 and of these he has several. Like Gus Brezina and Pat Patterson, the huge tackles, and fiery Red Kelley, the guard, and Demaree Jones, who likes to hit people, and those big, strong ends, Clem Beard and Horst Paul, among others. He has back Joe Lopasky, the halfback who scores touchdowns, and versatile Billy Smith. Billy McMillan, returns, bringing with him his record string of placement successes, and Frank Brewer won't have to be discovered this time at fullback, but he will have to contest quick Rocky Hernandez.

**THERE ARE** others, of course, and very well regarded. These include Jack Skog, who'll be the man to take over from Billy Roland at quarterback. And of Mack Cochran, Yeoman says "we're going to have to give him a long look in the spring because he can really throw the sprint out pass."

The sophs-to-be are numerous and run deep to talent. So much so Yeoman frets over leaving people out when he talks about the squad. "Some of them," Yeoman reminds, "will surprise us, I've never seen it fail. Right now, we really don't know what all we have and one of our big problems is going to be getting the right man in the right position."

He expects to resolve many of

his problems in the spring.

**A KNOWN** quantity is speed. Durrell Roddy runs 100 yards in 9.7. Mike Spratt and Mike Corby do it in 9.8. Morris Wilson, the quarterback, does 9.9 and so do Don Gardner and Jim Combs and Ronnie Powledge and Stan Castiglione. Mickey Thompson, an end, runs the distance in 10.1, as does halfback Marvin Kennedy and end Don Petty and fullback Mike Sanders and halfbacks Danny Smith and Joe Rafter are 10.2 men and fullback Mike Payte 10.3.

Spratt, for his work as a freshman, has to be the lead hoss as the club goes into spring training. The fast man from Sharyland gained more than 600 yards in seven frosh games and is a real all-the-way threat every time he sets sail.

**"SPRATT,"** YEOMAN confides, "has fine potential, both physically and for attitude. He has to be likened to Sherman Lewis, who led the Big 10 in rushing, only Spratt is bigger. "From watching the Texas High School All-Star Game and the Oil Bowl, I didn't see anybody with greater potential than Mike."

Right now, Yeoman sees Wilson and Preasley Cooper as the top-ranking quarterbacks among the sophs-to-be, "as a result of their having played more as freshmen." Wilson is very quick, a gifted ball handler and his passing has improved. Cooper, the lefthander, is an outstanding passer. And Yeoman warns there are others at their position who may surprise.

**OF RODDY,** the swift, mobile halfback with the sure hands,

Yeoman says "there are no many ways he can help you. For one thing, we don't have many who can punt the ball as far as he'll punt it."

There is speed in the line. Those quick sophs who made Miami's bulky forwards look so slow will be back, and with them will be some youngsters who will be at least as quick.

Yeoman glanced down a list of 1962 freshmen and pointed. "Phil Bagalman here has outstanding speed and he weighs 227 pounds. And I don't know how many football players will be better than Cal Enderli. He's down to 218 and he looks and moves like a big cat."

**"JIM STECHSCHULTE,** who weighs around 220, has great speed at tackle. Ronnie Elsner, the guard, is 205 and he did a 10.1 in high school. Ray Dudley is another who's big and can move."

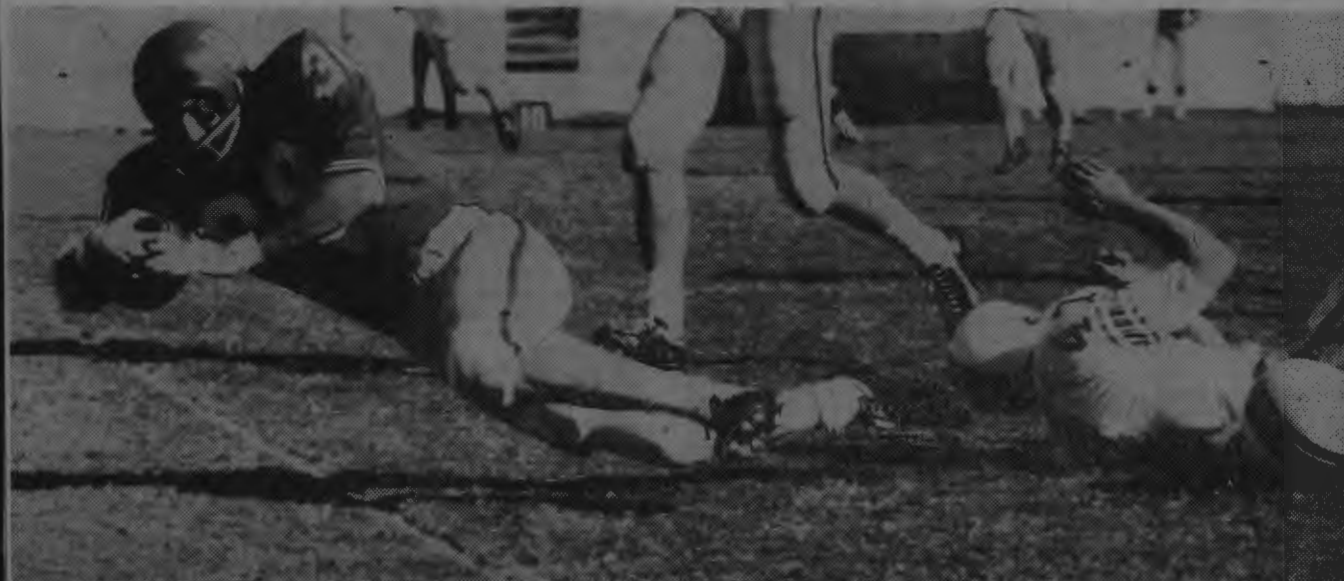
Yeoman's list of interior quickies includes Bobby Muniz and Don Caballero, the guards, and Will Allen and huge Tom Kuras and Jim Brasher and fine ends like Petty, the reformed quarterback, and Thompson and Johnny Anderson, among others.

Yeoman declined to list the youngsters in any order. "We'll find out who the football players are in the spring," he grinned, for the thought was a pleasant one. "We anticipate several surprises."

**"THERE ARE** always boys whose development surprise you. Like little Bo Warren, the halfback, for instance. Because of his size, when he came to us, there were other backs better regarded than Bo. But he's up to 173 now and he's a fantastic competitor. When Bo hits you, it hurts."

"And like Anthony Corte. He came to us on his own out of Saint Thomas and has done a real fine job for us at center. "There'll be others. I'd bet on it."

"You can say we're looking forward to spring training."



UH EXPECTS THIS KIND OF TD RUNNING AGAIN FROM FRANK BREWER IN '63