

CHARLES (Charlie, Chester) STURGEON—Junior—Owensboro, Ky.

A power-type runner who might be the best all-around runner on the team, Sturgeon is pegged for a starting job at right half on the combination unit replacing fellow hometown Bobby Cravens . . . Styles of the two are strikingly similar and Wildcat coaches are hopeful that Sturgeon will exceed the accomplishments of his star predecessor . . . "Chester," as he is called by teammates, operated as the number two man at the position last season and saw 177:53 action time in all contests . . . Had his only starting assignment against Auburn . . . Fourth on the team in rushing gain with 164 yards picked up on 46 carries for a 3.5 average . . . Caught seven passes and punted for 34.2 average . . . Did not score last year after tallying three times as a freshman . . . Coach Collier also praises Sturgeon's defensive ability, listing him as the team's best sideback . . . As a four-year gridman at Owensboro Senior High, he gained first team All-State honor and was selected to various units of the All-South and All-America teams . . . Played high school basketball, track and baseball in addition to four years of football . . . He is stockily built, again something on the order of Cravens, at 5-11, 192 pounds . . . Enrolled in College of Education, but may try a business career in preference to coaching or pro ball . . . His father is a car dealer in Owensboro.



CHARLES (Charlie, C. E.) STURGEON—Sophomore—Owensboro, Ky.

Along with Calvin Bird formed one of the outstanding pair of running halfbacks ever to perform for a Kentucky freshman grid team . . . Sturgeon is expected to rank high in the halfback picture and possibly could move up all the way to a starting job when he gets some experience behind him. As a frosh, Charlie was second only to Bird in rushing with 194 yards gained in 26 tries for a 7.5 average . . . Second leading pass receiver with three catches totaling 65 yards and a TD . . . Had two punt returns for 30 yards . . . Returned two kickoffs 37 yards . . . The "Owensboro Flash" tied Lloyd Hodge for runner-up spot in freshman scoring as he tallied three times for 18 points . . . Against Vandy team, scored a touchdown on a 27-yard jaunt and collected 79 yards on 10 carries . . . Scored on a 44-yard aerial against Cincy frosh . . . In Tennessee game had 90 yards gained on eight carries including a 54-yard TD run . . . Sturgeon was the game's leading ground-gainer in the 1957 East-West game, picking up 77 yards on 11 tries in his only appearance as a fullback . . . As a four year gridman at

CHARLIE STURGEON (Stir'-jun) Senior Halfback 5-11 194 Owensboro, Ky.

A power-type runner who is classed as one of the best all-around ball carriers in the Southeastern Conference, Sturgeon parlayed his inside-outside tactics into a creditable 4.1 rushing average last season . . . The 417 net yards he picked up on 101 trips with the pigskin ranked him as the leading ball carrier among the Wildcats and seventh best in the SEC . . . Carrying the statistics a little further, the chunky Kentucky native rated even higher when compared with the select group of runners who carried 100 times or more . . . His average trip on this basis proved to be fourth best, ranking right behind LSU All-America Billy Cannon . . . Sturgeon paced all ground gainers in Kentucky's near-upset of LSU in a rugged defensive battle and made a habit last season of looking good against the best teams . . . One of his top showings came as he picked up 144 yards on 20 tries in the Wildcats' one-touchdown loss to Georgia's eventual SEC champions . . . He nearly equalled the output of the entire Bulldog team, which netted only 157 yards on the ground, despite playing with a badly injured foot . . . In starting all 10 Kentucky games last season and piling up the most action time (383:06) of any Wildcat, the versatile right halfback also led his team in punting with a 33.5 average on 43 boots, ranked second in scoring with 18 points and was the fourth best pass receiver . . . Coach Collier also is high on Sturgeon's defensive ability, calling him the team's best sideback . . . As a four-year gridman at Owensboro High in Western Kentucky, Charlie gained All-State honors and was selected to various units of the All-South and All-America



schoolboy teams . . . He turned in an outstanding season as a UK freshman in 1957 and saw action in all contests (177:53—Auburn only start) as a sophomore, posting a 3.5 average (164 yards on 46 carries) to rank fourth among his teammates . . . Did not score in '58 after tallying three times as yearling . . . Nicknamed "Chester" . . . Married . . . Father is car dealer in Owensboro.