

AGGIE-TULANE CLASH WILL BE GRID CLASSIC

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If history and traditions have anything to do with the winning of the Southwestern Conference Championships, the Aggies can well lay claim to the 1929 title. First, there are two old worn out traditions that usually cause the sport scribes to award the mythical title to the cadets, this being an odd year and merely the Aggies time to win from the Steers. Then conditions surrounding the game now are the same as in the year of 1917, the year that brought Aggieland its first grid glory. Just as Matty Bell is now making his initial bow to the football world as coach of the Aggies, in 1927 the then youthful Bible had under his wing this first Aggie Eleven, a team that DEFEATED TULANE and won him a Southwestern Conference Championship. Furthermore the only time that the Southwestern Pirates ever scored upon the Aggies, besides last Saturday, was in 1925, another championship year. It will be interesting to note if this grid glory will hold true to form.

Since the fall of 1927, the Aggie cadet corps has been looking forward to the 1929 exodus to Cow Town; in fact, the reception accorded the Aggies has been topic for conversation for these many months. But the writer is afraid that the faculty of T. C. U. has taken from the Aggie visitors one of the feature stunts of the day, the discontinuance of the T. C. U. freshman girls' pep squad. Fellow sufferers, the old familiar "Powers That Be" in the Frog school have decided that there shall be no such feature this year because they considered the "high schoolish." First our officials do away with compulsory chapel and

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UNUSUAL ARRAY OF STARS ASSURE COLORFUL GAME.

With the rating of each team in its own conference strengthened by overwhelming victories in their opposing games last Saturday, interest in the coming intersectional grid clash between Coach Matty Bell's Texas Aggies and Coach Bernie Bierman's Tulane Greenies took a decided spurt this week as it became apparent that the game in New Orleans next Saturday may develop into one of the colorful gridiron classics of the year.

While the stock of the Aggies, always conceded a chance at the title in the Southwest grid race, was soaring as a result of their 54-7 victory over the Southwestern Pirates on Kyle Field, that of the Greenies also spurted upward when they emerged with the long end of a 40-6 score in their game with the Louisiana Normal gridsters.

With both teams boasting backfields that may make football history this year, an offensive game replete with action and thrills is promised for Saturday. Opposing captains and backs such as Tommie Mills of the Aggies and Bill Banker of the Greenies assure a spectacular attack on the part of each team. In the display for the Aggies will likely be George Zarafonetis, whose broken-field running and passing were outstanding against the Pirates, and Brooks Conover, one of the best offensive backs in the conference and at the same time a dangerous man for any coach's passing attack. Running mates of Banker who are expected to shine are Ike Arm-

strong, halfback, and Elmer Massey, fullback. Both are reputed triple-threat men.

Coach Bierman's eleven will enter the game with a decided weight advantage over the Bellmen should both coaches use the same lineups which started in last Saturday's tilts. The first string lineup of the Tulane team is reputed to average 185 pounds to the man while the starting lineup of the Aggies last Saturday averaged only 178 pounds.

It is not unlikely, however, that the Aggie mentor will make several shifts in the lineup for the Tulane game since the showing against the Pirates Saturday was not confined entirely to members of the starting lineup. Four teams shared almost equally in the victory. Particularly uncertain are the men who will start in the Aggie forward wall, where the work of Moulden, Overton, Dawson and Magrill on the tackles was so well-matched as to make a choice between the four difficult.

The only other game that the Texas Aggies and Tulane have played in recent years the Aggies were easy winners, but reports from the Tulane camp indicate that this means nothing to the Green Wave, out this year to score a knock out over "Old Man Tradition."

The Aggies gained 606 yards from scrimmage against the Southwestern Pirates last Saturday and made 24 first downs to their opponents three.

AGGIES HIGH IN NATIONAL RATING

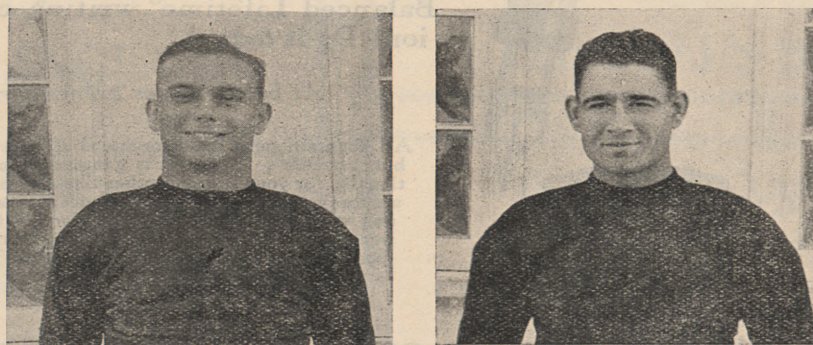
By recent statistics published by the Acron Press, the Texas Aggies rank twentieth among the fifty major teams of the country upon their performances of the past five years. The records of the teams for five years are used to determine the ranking on a percentage basis. The Aggies have a percentage of .762, while the leading club, Southern California, has a percentage of .865. Such teams as Stanford, Army, Notre Dame, and New York University rate ahead of the Aggies, while such teams as Georgia Tech, Navy, Nebraska, Harvard, Yale, Ohio State and Missouri have a lower rating than the cadets.

Two other teams in the Southwest Conference are also included in the list, S. M. U. and Texas. The Mustangs are settled in 14th place, while Texas occupies the 33rd place.

The Aggies are one of the five teams that scored more than one thousand points during the last five years, having run up a total of 1,071 to their opponents 228. Only one of the five teams kept its opponents scoring down lower than the Aggies, that team being Alabama.

During this five year period the Ags have won two of their five conference championships. The conference was organized in 1914, Baylor winning the first flag and repeating in 1922 and 1924. In 1917 A. & M. took over the reigns and since has been at the controls more than their share of the time. The University of Texas have copped two titles as have the Mustangs, the rest going to the Texas Aggies.

AGGIE VETERANS OUT TO STOP TULANE'S 4-MAN INTERFERENCE



Pinky Alsabrook, third year wingman of the Aggies, and Chuck Richter, out for his third letter at guard, will be among the mainstays of Matty Bell's forward wall when they meet the Tulane Greenies in their intersectional grid classic at New Orleans Saturday. These men are scheduled for a stiff problem when they go out to break up the famous Tulane four-man interference, behind which Capt. Billy Banker performs so well.

LAST WEEK'S SCORES

- Aggies 54, Southwestern 7
- Tulane 40, Louisiana Normal 6
- T. C. U. 61, Daniel Baker 0
- Arkansas 37, College of Ozarks 0
- Texas 13, St. Edwards 0
- Texas (Reserves) 0, Simmons 3.
- S. M. U. 13, Howard Payne 13
- Centenary 63, Commerce Teachers 0
- University of Mississippi 7, Vanderbilt 19.

WHERE THEY PLAY THIS WEEK

- A. and M. vs. Tulane at New Orleans.
- S. M. U. vs. Nebraska at Lincoln, Nebraska.
- Texas U. vs. Centenary at Austin.
- Baylor vs Trinity U. at Waco.
- T. C. U. vs Simmons at Breckenridge.
- Arkansas vs Henderson-Brown at Fayetteville.
- Rice vs Sam Houston Teachers at Houston.