

# AGGIES READY FOR TULANE

Southwestern and John Tarleton Lose Games To Farmers on Opening Day Men In Fine Form---Hard Battle To Win

## Simple Plays Effective In Both Games

Using straight football for near the entire game, Coach Matty Bell's Aggies opened the 1931 season with a bang, by trouncing the Southwestern Pirates to the tune of 33-0 and then immediately proceeded to stomp the John Tarleton Plowboys, and win the nightcap 21-0.

Throughout the first half of the game the small, but fighting eleven warriors from Georgetown repeatedly refused the Aggies more than one score, and it was not until the third quarter that the Aggie offense broke loose and crossed the Pirate goal line three times in quick succession, to put the game on ice. The small Southwestern line proved its metal early in the game when they stopped the powerful Aggie forward wall for three times when on the goal line.

Eight of Coach Bell's squad of 24 backfield men leaped into the limelight as possible outstanding backfield prospects in the opening game alone.

Leading in yards gained per try is "Pete" Hewitt, the Groesbeck boy who after making a nice 41 yard jaunt, on the next play smashed through the Pirate line for 12 more yards and the first Aggie marker. Jimmie Aston, playing at his new position, at fullback, bore the brunt of the running attack and proceeded to show the boys how by averaging better than three yards for each smash, throughout the game. Frenchy Domingue, the shifty sophomore from Port Arthur, did some very neat passing and running with the pig skin in the memorable third quarter.

Of eight passes attempted by the Aggies, three were complete for a total gain of 50 yards. One was intercepted. From running plays 319 yards were credited to Matty Bell's boys.

**Tarleton Defeated 21-0**  
The nightcap did not show exactly what might be expected of a junior college team, but instead the Plowboys came through like a real college eleven and held the Aggies to a three touchdown victory.

Domingue's passing and running was probably the feature of this game, with "Pete" Robertson's pass snatching, and Barfield's drive on off-tackle plunges following closely in the race for first place honors.

In winning the Aggies compiled a total of 20 first downs to six for the visitors. Tarleton failed to make a single first down in the first half.

Very similar to the opening encounter, the fireworks broke loose in the third quarter and the Aggies made yards account for touchdowns. Lord opened the Maroon and White attack by intercepting a pass on his own 43 yard line. Domingue then got 20 yards around end on the next play. On three more passes the Aggies had crossed the Plowboy goal line for the second time in the game.

"Big Ted" Spencer, the little 190 pounder from Gilmer, dealt misery

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## NEW STARS



From The Enemies Camp

NEW ORLEANS, Sept. 30.—(Special)—Don Zimmerman, Flying Dutchman of Tulane's Green Wave, stamped his imprint on every quarter of his team's 31 to 0 victory over the University of Mississippi Saturday in the season opener.

Zimmerman figured paramount in the first touchdown, flagging the ball down into Ole Miss territory only to have his team's offense thrust stopped on the one foot line. The Oxford team kicked out and back Zimmerman came. This time he wheeled it to the one yard line and Solie Felts plunged over.

The Dutchman kicked, passed and ran but most of all his blocking stood out. He looked like the Banker of old as he blocked.

Jim Hodgins, Zimmerman's understudy, substituted for the Dutchman late in the game and he also showed well, reeling off numerous long gains and passing well. Harold Lemmon showed well at fullback when Coach Bernie Bierman switched Felts to quarter in the middle of the game. Dawson had suffered a slight injury at quarter, thus causing the shift.

The Greenies had things their own way. They made eighteen first downs compared with two by the Mississippians. The Wave gained 295 yards from rushing against 40 for the Oxford team.

Zimmerman in 22 tries gained 139 yards or an average of six yards an effort.

Glover in 11 attempts gained 45 yards for an average of 3.7.

Hodgins ran 58 yards for the final Wave touchdown after intercepting an Ole Miss Pass.

His run was the longest of the game.

Ole Miss, as game a team as ever came into the Greenie Stadium played as if it was their only game of the season. They fought from start to finish and held the Wave to one touchdown in the first half.

Coach Ed Walker shot his whole offense at the left side of the Greenie line—the side filled mostly by Tulane new comers. The Mississippians rarely attempted the right side where Captain Dalrymple, Scafile and Upton stood watch. Yet they could gain only 40 yards the whole afternoon over the left side.

Chuck Smalling, Ole Miss Backfield coach commented interestingly on the Greenie team and Zimmerman.

According to Smalling, the Greenie will have a fine chance against Washington State here December 5, unless the Westerners have an exceptional team. Tulane's line, says Smalling, is on a par with the average Washington State line, and the Tulane backs are better.

"Don Zimmerman was the thorn in our flesh Saturday afternoon," said Smalling. "He is one of the best backs I have ever seen."

Smalling was formerly a star fullback at Stanford.

Louis Bousberg and Charlie Calhoun, two sophomore linemen, showed extremely well against Ole Miss. Calhoun was in the gap vacated by Morris Bodenger last year while Bousberg was at the old tackle post of Elmer McCance,

FORT WORTH, Sept. 30.—Some what better pleased with his charges' showing than a week ago, Coach Francis Schmidt started drilling his Texas Christian Horned Frogs for the hard tussle with "Gloomy Gus" Henderson's Golden Hurricane of Tulsa University.

The Christian mentors expressed a degree of satisfaction with the whole team's showing in the 3-0 defeat of the great L. S. U. Tigers last Saturday. Especially was the Christian tutor pleased with the continued improvement of Buster Brannon at the quarterback position, Red Oliver at halfback, and Jack Graves, sophomore end.

Brannon not only ran the team in flawless fashion as field general, but also carried the ball with more drive than any of the starting ball hustlers. He pulled his mates out of several threatening holes with his sensational punting. Red Oliver showed a reversal of form in ball carrying, and gave a neat exhibition of the driving power of which his speed and 185 pounds are capable. Jack Graves, a sophomore end from Beaumont, had rated third string until given his chance when Salkeld was forced to the sidelines with injuries.

The Beaumont sophomore played an excellent game from both an offensive and defensive standpoint and has received more praise from Coach Schmidt than any other man on the squad.

The head Frog tutor left his squad Friday with Line Coach Bear Wolf, and witnessed the Golden Hurricane's Friday night battle with Hendrix College of Arkansas. He brought back reports of an excellent club, featuring the fastest backfield that he has seen this year. "You thought this 10-second Bowman from Louisiana was fast," he told his charges, "but he can not hold a light to three of the Tulsa backs."

"Gloomy Gus" Henderson, Tulsa's head mentor also took the trouble to review the Schmidtmen in action against the Tigers. After seeing the Frogs in action, the Tulsa mentor expressed the opinion that there could be a real battle on the Skelly Field grid in Tulsa next Saturday.

With the probably exception of J. W. Townsend, Frog center, the Schmidtmen will have their full strength available for the clash with the Oklahomaans. The Christians pivot man received a kick in the throat that has temporarily suspended his power of speech and checked his eating of solid food. Horned Frog trainers and doctors stated that the injury was a minor nature, and would not necessarily prevent his playing Saturday. Lon Evans, giant guard, and Red Oliver, powerful halfback, came out of the tussle with broken noses, but neither injury will keep them on the side lines.

Pete Cunningham at tackle also played his part well, tackling viciously and opening holes.

With ideal football weather on tap, a crowd ranging between 15,000 and 20,000 will see the Texas Aggie-Wave game here this week-end.

A special train is bringing the Aggie fans.



CHARLIE MALONE

CAPT. CARL MOULDEN

Here are four of the men expected to make Coach Matty Bell's "Fighting Texas Aggies" uphold their reputation during the 1931 football season. Captain Carl Moulden, Cicco, for two years a fiery tackle, will be available for either tackle or end. Jimmie Aston, who hails from Farmersville, formerly played quarterback but has been switched to fullback or halfback, is one of the most accurate passers on the Aggie squad. Charlie Malone, lanky letterman at end from Dallas, is a pass snatcher of ability. Paul McFadden, Cleburne, is rated as one of the best kickers in the Southwest Conference and will probably be one of the trio bearing the brunt of the punting this year.

## Harriers At Work For New Championship

Starting out to cop a fifth consecutive cross country championship with only two lettermen is no easy job for anyone, and it is just such a handicap that Track Coach Frank Anderson is now working under.

From last year's title winners, only Captain Melton Smith, Sulphur Springs; and Salvador Marquez, Cuero; are again out for the team this year, since Dick Winters, last year's captain and three letterman, and Malcolm Perkins, also a three letter man in the sport, were lost by graduation.

Smith is a senior and Marquez a junior. Both have placed high in every conference meet since their respective entries into varsity competition.

Besides these there are several likely squadmen and freshman numeral men from last year, however. Included in the list are Ira Hahn, Houston, and Edward Obergfell, San Antonio; both squadmen for the past two years who are making a strong bid for a regular place on the team. L. E. Zieschang, San Antonio, is a squadman of one year's varsity experience.

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## FISH SQUAD HAS 98 MEN TO REPORT

Ninety-eight huskies reported for uniforms on the opening day of freshman football as announced by Head Coach Roswell Higginbotham last week. And the number continues to grow daily, with one of the largest and probably the heaviest freshman football squads going through daily practice in several years, already turning out.

The Aggie freshman coaching staff this year consists of four former A & M football players in addition to Coach Higginbotham. Coach Higginbotham will attend mainly to backfield work while Barlow "Bones" Irwin will head the list of line coaches. "Dutch" Dillingham, Roscoe Van Zandt, and Heebie are to assist as freshman line coaches. The squad is to be divided into three divisions. They will be A, B, and C squads.

Coaches Higginbotham and Irwin will handle A squad; Dorsey and Dillingham will direct squad B; and Roscoe Van Zandt is to be

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## Sport Sidelights

By W. J. Faulk

To "Cross the Greenie Goal Line" will be the one purpose of Coach Matty Bell's fighting Aggies when they sail into the mighty Wave in Tulane Saturday afternoon at New Orleans. And a real storm is reputed to be awaiting on the delta way down south in Louisiana.

A twofold job awaits the eleven warriors who will grapple with Coach Bierman's crew; that of being the first team in Dixie to down the Greenies in three seasons and also the redeem themselves as contenders for the Southwest conference flag, in the eyes of the conference.

Plenty of fight will be necessary to account for the difference in weight between the Tulane line, which averages around 200 pounds, and the Aggie line, which will be about 180 from end to end.

Although fully half of a great line was lost to Tulane by graduation last June, plenty of reserve material seems to be doing the trick for Coach Bierman.

Aggie football fans hopes given quite a boost by the performance of Hewitt, McFadden, and Domingue Saturday afternoon. All three averaged better than six yards per try in carrying the pigskin in the opening game.

And not only did these three smash the line well, but likewise did other members of the Aggie backfield performers prove themselves capable of gaining more than enough ground in four tries for a first down.

But Coach Matty's boys were not satisfied to whip Southwestern, they gained 67 yards on four plays in the tilt with the plowboys.

"Jelly" Woodman, former fullback and member of the class that graduated last June and who is now coaching the Longview Lobos, began his season with a win and is now grooming his team for a real fight when they meet the Tyler team, last year's state champions, Saturday afternoon.

The T C U Horned Frogs, favorites to cop the Southwest title this fall found it necessary to use the old reliable field goal as the last resort to win over the Louisiana State University boys in Fort Worth, Saturday. Both team were heavy and had plenty of power, but neither was efficient in the use of it.

T C U was outweighed slightly but easily outshone the Pelican state boys by their fight, and succeeded in keeping L S U in their own territory for near the entire

game. T C U repeatedly carried the ball within the L S U 20 yard line but failed to provide a goal line punch to score.

And the slow-starting Mustangs, from the Southern Methodist University, scored only twice in their opening engagement. However, they can never be judged by the showing in their opening, as shown by records of former years.

Coach Clyde Littlefield's champion Texas University Longhorns got off to a flying start and turned back the Simmons University Cowboys 36-0. Tradition cannot keep a team from repeating as conference champions, but a tough ten game schedule and a fighting Aggie team on Thanksgiving day can do a lot to discourage it. Such does the Texas team face.

Those sleepy Rice Owls, who slipped one past our boys last fall on Kyle Field, came alive and trounced the Sam Houston Teachers to the tune of 32 to 0 and thereby placed themselves as possible title contenders in the coming race.

The loss of Dale and Uptonmor along with several shining linemen, just about eliminates Arkansas as a title contender.

And Baylor, with apparently nothing to write home about is likely to do little damage as far as the leaders are concerned.

After two successive setbacks at the hands of the mighty Tulane Green Wave, Coach Matty Bell's boys will be "out for blood" when the whistle sounds for the kickoff, in the Tulane stadium Saturday afternoon, at 2:30.

The game will be the first major tilt for both teams this season and may well be called the acid test for each, since both now hold victories over minor college teams

## Form---Hard Battle To Win

Tulane first "drew blood" from the Aggies in 1928 when the Green Wave boasted of two all-American backs in Bill Banker and Ike Armstrong. The Aggies successfully stopped Banker but Armstrong slipped through for a 76 yard sprint, late in the game, for a 13-10 victory for the Wave. Last year, one week following the battle with the heavier Nebraska Cornhuskers, the Wave again bumbled a fighting Aggie team to the tune of 19-9 in a fiercely fought affair, at the state fair in Dallas.

With the exception of the game with the powerful Northwestern team, which they lost 14-0, the Tulane Greenies have not been on the short end of the score in any game since the season of 19-8. In the past two years, in which the Green Wave has been undefeated in the south, they have succeeded in establishing a record that has yet to be equalled in the Southwest Conference, that is, in winning two consecutive football championships.

Coach Bierman has a few worries about his backfield performers with such stars as Don Zimmerman and "Whip" Glover, the latter of which has figured prominently in downing the Aggies for the past two seasons, both showing lots of stuff in early scrimmages, and in the game with the University of Mississippi last Saturday. The Greenies also have a capable kicker in Floyd Roberts, sophomore, who has a habit of punting around 50 yards, with alarming regularity.

Captain Jerry Dalrymple, all-American end of 1930, was again a shining light for the Greenies last Saturday when the Wave emerged on the long end of a 31-0 victory over the university of Mississippi.

Although the performance of the Tulane line was not up to par Saturday, Line Coach Ted Cox is blessed with a wealth of tackles and guards weighing around the 200 pound mark. He has fashioned a starting line-up averaging 205 pounds from tackle to tackle. Since the heaviest Aggie linesman tips the scales at only 195, the Tulane forward wall will have a big advantage over the lighter Aggie line.

While the Aggies will be out to regain the apparently lost prestige and to redeem themselves in the eyes of the Southwest Conference, the Greenies will be trying to clean slate and add to their already elongated list another victory. What the Aggies lack in weight will be compensated for in fight, and whatever the result, both teams will likely be forced to use every ounce of reserve tricks, deception, and strength to emerge the victor in Saturday's clash.

The tentative starting line-ups for the two teams is as follows: for A & M: ends, Bell (165) and Malone (194); tackles, Magrill (186) and Moulden (183); guards, Christian (185) and Hornsby (195); center, Nolan (176); halfbacks, Graves (175) and McFadden (182); quarterback, Hewitt (160); fullback, Aston (175).

Tulane: ends, Coligny (192) and Dalrymple (175); tackles, Upton (212) and Bousberg (190) or Cunningham (218); guards, Charlie Calhoun (218) and Scafile (209); center, Lodrigues (181); halfbacks, Zimmerman (179) and Glover (163); quarterback, Dawson (161); fullback, Felts (176).

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