

Home Town Sports Editor Writes Interesting Yarn On Coach Norton's Career

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The scourge of Southwestern football has been taken into the fold. Arkansas, Rice, SMU, Texas Christian University and the University of Texas will not have so much explaining to do in the future.

The Big Bad Wolf, alias Homer Norton, is under a three year contract at Texas A and M. Defeat from his Texas Aggies will not cause the headaches those Centenary beatings of Norton's crafty and speedy elevens gave Southwestern Conference members from 1926 through 1933.

Norton has belonged in the Southwestern Conference for some time. He made many efforts to get his little Centenary admitted to membership. The Southwestern Conference would not admit the Gentlemen. It would have been far less embarrassing had they taken Centenary in. Then the long, impressive list of victories Centenary scored at their expense would not be so hard to explain.

Norton moves into the Southwestern Conference with a record of having defeated every member of the Conference more times than he lost. And this is a most brilliant coaching achievement to have to one's credit with a school that had an enrollment of 50 students, including the high school department, when Homer joined up and less than 500 students when he left.

Birmingham can feel proud of the new Texas A & M coach. He is home folks here. Rev. J. W. Norton, a Methodist minister, enrolled Homer in Birmingham-Southern in 1913. Homer learned his football, basketball, and baseball under Charlie Brown, a former Vanderbilt all-round star. Homer came out of Birmingham-Southern with 12 letters and a trophy for the most outstanding athlete on Sunshine Slopes. He was voted one of the outstanding ends of the South.

Homer aspired to play professional baseball. Carleton Molesworth gave him a tryout with the Barons in 1917. Moley turned him over to Charlie Carroll, a former Baronal utility star, at Greensboro. Homer went from the Piedmont League to the Florida State League where he played two years of professional ball. He was sold to the Columbus club of the American Association, but did not report. Instead he went to Centenary as athletic director.

Shreveport became football conscious in 1921. Homer Norton was asked to hire an outstanding grid luminary to coach the Centenary eleven. Bo McMillan, the toast of football fans throughout the land, was given a three-year contract. Homer, in addition to his duties as athletic director, became Bo's line coach.

Bo McMillan left Centenary in 1925 for Geneva College, taking with him the gigantic Carl Hubbard. Homer refused the head football coach assignment and Earl Davis succeeded Bo McMillan.

Centenary insisted on Homer Norton becoming head football coach as well as athletic director in 1926. A year later Homer began to attract attention at Centenary, producing an undefeated and untied eleven. The Gentlemen continued to bask in the football limelight, losing one game by one point to Texas A & M in 1930.

The Gentlemen started their record of 14 consecutive games without being scored upon late in the campaign of 1931. And it was not until Mississippi University scored upon the Gentlemen in the next to their last game of the past season that the record was broken. Only three touchdowns were scored on Centenary in 1933. Arkansas scored the fourth touchdown on New Year's Day at Dallas.

Norton leaves Centenary with one of the most impressive records in football. In the last 21 games the Gentlemen have played, they were not defeated. And Centenary met all of the tough elevens in the Southwest Conference and two Bif Jones coached elevens at Louisiana State.

"Carl Hubbard, an offensive end and defensive tackle, is the greatest football player I ever saw," declared Homer in discussing some of the outstanding Centenary stars. "Hubbard, after nine years of professional football, is still the finest player in the game today. He weighs 256 pounds and is as fast as a halfback. Grantland Rice picked him on his all-time all-American professional team."

Sixty Varsity Prospects Sent Invitations For Spring Practice

Eight Prospects Unable To Attend Spring Practice Because of Track Work.

More than sixty football hopefuls, veterans from the past Fall's squad, freshman numeral men and selected intramural players, will open the Texas Aggies' Spring football practice period here Friday, March 2. Equipment will be drawn out Thursday afternoon in order that no time may be lost in beginning work Friday. The Spring practice will last for thirty consecutive days under Southwest Conference rules.

Homer H. Norton, recently appointed head of the department of physical education and head coach at the college, will be in charge of the practice. He will be assisted by Cal Hubbard, former All-American professional tackle and now Aggie line mentor.

A number of players who will be candidates for the team next Fall, will not participate in Spring practice because of interest in either baseball or track. Among these are: Bob Connelley, Bill Couser, Jack Stringfellow, lettermen; and Wilbert Randow, Percy Reid, Leo Witkowski, Louis Kaczmarek and F. J. Richter.

The candidates invited out for Spring practice, divided as to position and experience, include the following:

Ends—Lettermen: J. E. (Pete) Robertson, Austin. Squadmen: Clifford Haynes, Fluvanna; Max Tohline, Fort Worth; Taylor Wilkins, Franklin; Charlie Rollins, Gulfport, Miss. First year varsity: Dill Cole, Corsicana; Pete Dowling, Houston; Burt Hull, Houston; Bill Stages, Waco; Marris Westbrook, Corsicana; R. L. Gregg, Plainview.

Tackles—Lettermen: Wharton Jordan, Fort Worth; J. H. Merka, Bryan; Charlie Ullrich, Hallettsville. Squadmen: Otis Cowser, Rock Springs; John Whitfield, Itasca; Carter Speed, Corsicana. First year varsity: C. R. Barber, Abilene; G. J. Clark, Breckenridge; Mack Coy, Seymour; Don Humphries, Corsicana; Selmer Kirby, Kingston; Zack Lentz, Red Rock; E. T. Hood, Groesbeck; J. H. Zich, Needville; A. B. Murphy, Beaumont.

Guards—Lettermen: Odell Conoley, Amarillo; John Crow, Milford; Grady Godwin, Lometa; Joe Golasinski, Houston; Stapp Maxwell, Leonard. Squadmen: Marion Crow, Milford; Pat Robertson, Austin; Nick Willis, San Antonio. First year varsity: Jack Burk, Port Arthur; Leslie Cummings, Bryan; Moise Eatham, Beaumont; Harden McGrady, Abilene; J. A. Nelson, Orange; Gerden White, Port Arthur; John Allen, Mart.

Centers—Lettermen: Jack Roach Decatur; Stanfield Stach, Cameron. First year varsity: Charlie DeWare, Jr., Brenham; Joe Wessendorf, Richmond.

Backs—Lettermen: Odell Fowler, Fort Worth; John Gregory, Tyler; Bill Kimbrough, Haskell. Squadmen: Leonard Brown, Cleburne; Paul Callahan, Dallas; Sid Martin, Gilmer; Nash Thompson, Fort Worth. First year varsity: Joe Aycock, Farmersville; Bill Bass, McKinney; Allen Goldsmith, Port Arthur; Paschal Martin, Gilmer; Frank Merka, Bryan; Reese Newsome, Fort Worth; Don Pittner, Denton; J. B. Ramsey, McKinney; Robert Smith, Beeville; M. C. Thompson, Dallas; J. E. Wilson, McKinney; Fred Wright, Red Rock.

AGGIE TUMBLING TEAM



Here is the Texas Aggie Tumbling team that entertains faithfully between halves of the home basketball games.

Members are from left to right: First row: L. P. L'Hommedieu, Port Arthur; Roy Huffaker, San Antonio; G. C. Valek, Ennis; G.

W. Cox, San Antonio; H. M. McGrady, Abilene. Second Row: King Ramsey, Jr., Houston; F. A. Cusi, Mexico City, Mex.; F. J. Silvey, San Antonio; J. A. Jeffries, Ft. Worth. Third Row: R. E. Porter, (Captain), San Antonio; George Nickerson, San Antonio. Top: R. N. Conolly, Corpus Christi.

Freshman Cagers Trounce Academy Ramblers 37-28

Freshmen Split Season With Allen Team With Two Victories and Two Defeats.

Coming to life in the last half of the fourth quarter, after trailing the greater part of the first three quarters, the Aggie first took the final game from Coach Puny Wilson's Allen Academy Ramblers 37 to 28 at Memorial Gymnasium Monday afternoon to even the season series at two games each.

The score was tied at the beginning of the fourth quarter with 20 points each. The first part of this quarter neither team could hold an advantage until Jones got "hot" and score 7 points before the Ramblers could call time out. After Isabel made a neat basket from to 15 foot line, Pete Dowling looped a field goal and Lee made two field baskets to put the game on ice. The fish scored 17 points the last period.

The Cadets took a 6 to 3 lead at the beginning of the game, but were unable to hold it when Allen was clicking at its best. The Ramblers were leading 15 to 10 at the half.

Craddock, Allen sharpshooter, was high point man with a total of 12 points after sinking 4 field baskets and making 4 free shots in as many tries. Jones was high scorer for the fish with 11. Nine of Jones' total scores were made in the last quarter. Dowling and Lee, two of the most consistent men on Coach "Bull" Marcum's squad this season, showed up well after a slow start.

The fish will end the season Wednesday, February 28, at Memorial gymnasium with the West End Baptist team of Houston.

A And M Fish				
	f.g.	ft.	p.f.	t.p.
Evans, f	3	0	3	6
Crighton, f	0	0	1	0
Jones, f	5	1	2	11
Dowling, c	3	1	1	7
Lee, g	4	2	1	10
Black, g	1	1	0	3
Johnson, g	0	0	1	0
TOTALS	16	5	9	37
Allen				
	f.g.	ft.	p.f.	t.p.
Parks, f	3	0	3	6
Craddock, f	4	4	2	12
Isabel, c	3	0	1	6
Collier, c	0	0	0	0
Allen, g	1	0	2	2
Phillips, g	0	2	0	2
TOTALS	11	6	8	28

1,000,000-VOLT X-RAY
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SAN FRANCISCO.—The new 1,000,000-volt X-ray therapy machine, which is being built by the University of California Hospital for the treatment of cancer, will be completed next month, it was announced this week.

RIFLEMEN FIRING FINE RECORDS FOR CORPS AREA MATCH

Huffaker Comes Within One Point of College Record by Shooting 198 Out of a Possible 200.

All members of the team have fired the first three stages of the Eighth Corps Medal Match with an average of 196 out of a possible 200. Should the remaining members of the team who fire from the standing position hold up the average, the score for this years team will be even higher than that of last year's team which had a score of 1965 out of a possible 2000.

As a result of this week's firing, Roy Huffaker, San Antonio, came within one point of the college record established by George Rhine of last year's rifle team. Huffaker shot 198 out of a possible 200. P. E. Otis, Dallas, turned in one of the finest performances of the year by firing from the standing position 49 out of a possible 50.

First Lieutenant Reiersen, coach of the rifle team, states that the team has the best chances to win the Eighth Corps Area Medal Match and that the team has been doing a double role this week by firing matches with New Mexico A and M, Colorado School of Mines, Oklahoma A and M, and several other schools in Colorado and Oklahoma.

Next week the team will begin the Hearst Trophy Match which must be finished by April 3.

Aggie Fencers To Meet University Foilers March 2

The date for the first outside fencing competition of the Texas Aggie Fencing team has been changed from Saturday March 3 to Friday afternoon March 2. The matches, to be fought against the University of Texas fencing team, will begin at 4:30 in Memorial gymnasium.

Dairy Judging Team Prepares for Stock Show in Fort Worth

As a means of preparing for the International Collegiate Dairy Cattle Judging Contest to be held at Ft. Worth on March 12, the junior judging team has just completed an inspection trip to San Antonio, in which the members visited a number of the leading dairies. This same group will attend the South

Texas Exposition and Live Stock Show at Houston next Thursday as a further preparatory measure, according to Professor C. N. Shepherdson, head of the dairy husbandry department.

Three Aggie Cagers End College Cage Careers Saturday

Three Texas Aggie basketball players, Joe Merka, Captain, Bryan; Earl Shepherd, Port Arthur; and Ray Murray, Mercedes, will wind up their collegiate cage career this week as the Aggies play the last games of the 1934 season. Merka, star center who made 20 points Saturday against Baylor, is the only regular of these three on the team, the other two being only squadmen. He will probably receive mentions and be placed on many All-Conference cage selections at the end of the season. Before being elected Captain of the team for this year, Merka had earned two letters.

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