

Aggies Look Like Possible Champions

NORTON'S 1937 PRAYER ANSWERED IN '38

At this stage of the season last year Coach Homer Norton was praying for a first class punter to go with his powerful Texas Aggie grid machine and now, a year later that prayer is more than answered with seven capable kickers.

Dick Todd, "The Crowell Cyclone," carried the punting burden last year, but he found that the road was rocky for a man who had never done any kicking before. The Aggies had figured on Ken Mills of Groesbeck to do the majority of

the booting this season, but he was lost before practice began with a broken back. When the team reported and started practice Norton soon learned that his prayer had been answered. He lost Mills, but was given an improved Dick Todd and Walemon Price, letterman half; Frank Wood, squadman, Henry (Bud) Force, sophomore; Marion Pugh, sophomore, James Thomason, sophomore, and William Conatser, sophomore. Price, Todd and Thomason are slated for starting positions on the team and that will give Norton three capable punters on his first team.

Sports Parade Marshall Robnett Bids Fair To Fill Joe Routt's Position In Norton's Current Grid Machine

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Marshall Foch Robnett, "The Flying Fool", is Coach Norton's answer to the guard problem of "Who will fill the shoes of Routt and Jones".

The big sophomore, who played in the backfield as a freshman, was shifted to guard in spring practice, and turned up to become first string guard along with "Bull" Minnock this fall. In his effort to replace Routt and Jones, All-America and All-Conference respectively, Norton gave Robnett the famous number '43' that Routt wore and is playing him in the position that was filled by Jones and his number '38'.

Robnett is as tough and as willing as they come and should make one of the greatest guards of the conference history before he leaves Aggie land. Minnock, the other guard, is a senior and is plenty capable of playing first class ball. Minnock had the hard luck of playing on the same team with such great men as Routt and Jones. He would have been a first team guard at most other schools. He was rated as the best reserve guard in the conference last year.

In the practice game Wednesday, the A and B teams beat the C and D teams 15-0. The A team scored



MARSHALL ROBNETT

first on a pass from Price to Todd. They also made the conversion. A few minutes later the A bunch killed a kick on the C two yard line and when the C team attempted to kick out, Joe Boyd broke through and blocked the kick behind the goal line for a safety. Jeffrey scored the second touchdown with a slice through the line. The big boy showed lots of drive in bringing the ball down the field.

The new crop of freshmen donned their fighting clothes for the first time Wednesday. Coaches McQuillan, DeWare and Jones seem well pleased with their new stooges.

Kyle Field Gets Beauty Treatment

The Aggie home battlefield, Kyle Field, emerged from the beauty shop just in time to meet the 1938 gridgers when they reported for fall practice this week.

During the summer months the ground keepers have been busy at work putting a mud pack of Brazos loam over the new Bermuda grass that was planted in the Spring. Now the historic field resembles a giant green rug that is waiting to be torn up by the cleated feet of the Aggies. The field not only will have Farmers tromping on it, but also will be pierced with javelins, swarmed with Frogs, cut by Razorbacks hoofs and scratched by the Owls. The field will not grumble though, if the Farmers plough all of these pests into her mat of hair.

Besides giving the field a facial, the Athletic Department also has changed the looks of the cinder track that borders the gridiron. They have had the cinders dug up and replaced with "red-dog." "Red-dog" is a material that is formed when coalshag is burned on a pile instead of in an oven. This material should give the Aggies one of the fastest tracks in this section of the country as "red-dog" provides a faster path than do cinders.

Seats in the stadium have been repaired and everything is ready for the four big games that will be played here.

The Aggies' home schedule is: Texas A&I Sept. 24; T.C.U. Oct. 15; Arkansas Oct. 29; and Rice Nov. 12.

INTRAMURAL WRITER EXPLAINS A. & M. PROGRAM

BY W. F. (CHICK) DENNY

Hello men, I'm sure glad to see all those familiar faces, and welcome all the new students. I sincerely hope that all of you will enjoy this new life at A. & M. College. And talking of new life, why not try to give some new life to the Intramural Department. That is one department on the campus that is an aid to the students, both old and new, in body and in mind. And the real thing behind the department is that it can easily be classed as an outside activity.

All of you must admit that you have at least one sport which you especially like and that sport can be found in the lineup on intramural sports. All these sports, basketball, softball, football, swimming, water polo, handball, speedball, volleyball, tennis, track, and numerous others are outlined and planned to help you develop in body, mind, and character.

The thought that you must keep ahead of all the others is the fact that your purpose for coming to A. & M. is to pursue your course of study, above all, make your studies your number one interest! But, you must have relaxation and outside activities to make your work complete.

The friends that you make at College are the ones that will help you when you get out in that misty old world. And there isn't a better place on the campus to make friends than by participation in intramural sports. For instance, the Director of Intramural Athletics, Mr. W. L. Penberthy, (Mr. Penny, to you) is one of the finest friends to be made here at school and all of you freshmen should acquaint yourselves with him. And Mr. Penny's staff of workers, both in the office and in your individual companies, are some of the finest fellows that you will find. They want to go out of their way to make friends with you, so why not help them?

Of course, you will run up against some pretty stiff competition here at A. & M., but what is a sport without competition? Just any of you ask the fellows in Battery A, Field Artillery, winners of last year's intramural flags, in both the upperclassmen and freshman divisions, if they had any competition. It was a hot race, all the way through in both divisions! And before I go further, let me remind you to take notice of those intramural flags that will fly in front of Battery A at all reviews this year. These flags are your company honors for compiling that most points in the entire program of sports. But they do not constitute all the honors. For each sport won as a school championship, the victorious team receives medals, bronze for the freshmen and silver for the upperclassmen, and they are something to work for, too!

We have some of the finest equipment Kyle Field has one of the country's best football gridirons, a classy baseball diamond, and a mighty fine basketball court. For intramural purposes we have four touch football fields, four speedball fields, eight tennis courts, the best indoor swimming pool in the South, five handball courts, two of which are new this year, one of the country's classiest tracks and over fifteen softball diamonds. This includes the greater portion of our plant but by no means all of it.

Fine Backs, Tough Line on Squad List

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Well, to start with they have Dick (Snakehips) Todd and three blocking backs in the starting lineup. Those four men will be driving behind a line as strong as the great 1937 line. A lot will depend on sophomores, but those sophomores are not youngsters in playing experience.

In the backfield Todd, Rogers, Price and Thomason will get the starting call. Todd and Rogers are seniors and each have won two letters. Price is a junior letterman and a triple-threat. Thomason is a sophomore who would play first string on any team in the country. These three men are all triple-threats. Captain Rogers is a heady quarterback, a good blocker, pass-catcher and leader. He is an exceptionally good defensive man.

The reserve strength in the rear is good. Marion Pugh, Henry Dittman, Henry Force, Bob Hall, John Kimbrough, Odell Herman and Bill Conatser are the best of the reserve backs. All are sophomores except Dittman who is a senior letterman, but they all have lots of football experience. Norton smiles when he looks at that crew.

In the line Zed Coston, senior letterman, fills the center job and is flanked on one side by Bill Minnock, senior letterman guard, and on the other side by Marshall Robnett, sophomore guard who wears Joe Routt's number and plays in Irgil Jones' old position. Both guards tip the scales at 200 pounds. The tackles consist of Joe Boyd and George Branson. Boyd is slated for All-Conference after his great sophomore year. Branson is a senior letterman. The ends are well filled by Bruno Schroeder, two-year letterman, and Rankin Britt, also two-year letterman. There is not a man in that line that goes less than 200 pounds.

Eli Rushing, letterman; Tommie Vaughn, sophomore; and Henry Hauser, sophomore are the reserve centers that will keep the big Coston hustling. Bill Audish, letterman; Karl Steffens, squadman; Alvin Olbrich; Leon Rahm, sophomore; and John Reeves, sophomore, are the reserve guards. Bill Routt, Charles Henke, Dan Jardell, Bill Dawson and Hauser are the reserve tackles. Hauser is working at both center and tackle. Joe White and Herbert Smith are the second string ends and both are lettermen. Reserve ends behind those men are Bill Duncan, Bill Miller, Jack Kimbrough, Bruce Moreland, and Finis White.

Now that is the reason the Battalion is picking the Cadets to win that flag. If that is not enough to win with Norton has a new shift, the double shuffle, that opposing coaches will burn midnight oil trying to find a way to stop. It is Norton's solution to ruining a five-man line defense.

NEW THEATER

The Bryan Amusement Company, owned by Mrs. M. Schulman, is planning a \$100,000 theatre, the "AGGIE", which will be built at the east gate within the next two years. The ground for the theatre was purchased in July.

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The Aggies' "Old Faithful"

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A FOOTBALL EXPERT TELLS YOU IN THIS WEEK'S POST



WHO'LL WIN the big games this Fall? What men from here will be in the headlines? A football expert makes some prophecies, and gives you a team-by-team appraisal of your competition. Tells how the new rules affect the game, whether 1938 football will be conservative or razzle-dazzle, and what the colleges think about the new legal athletic scholarship introduced in the Southeastern Conference. Here's some lively dope about teams, trends and players; read it in the Post this week.

Pigskin Preview of 1938 by FRANCIS WALLACE

MR. GLENCANNON—THE YOGI OF WEST NINTH STREET. For years, in barrooms throughout the world, Mr. Glencannon had studied the breath-control problem. Read what happens when he finds a book called "The Secrets of Hindu Yoga Breath Control," and, aided by a quart or two, tries it out. A swell new story by Guy Gilpatrick, wherein Mr. Glencannon steals a letter box.

A WOMAN SPY IN BERLIN CAN'T TRUST ANYBODY! Not even her employers. Perhaps not even herself. The Gestapo ordered Anna Kleerman to trap a "harmless, rather stupid" young Englishman. The records in File No. 3475 tell you what happened. A dramatic story by William C. White.

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AT THE ASSEMBLY HALL

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