

Battalion Sports Aggies Set for Hard Battle

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Comeback for Texas Longhorns May Be Result of Saturday Night Game

Aggie Win Might Ruin Steer Hopes

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When the hard-bitten Texas Aggies collide with the rejuvenated University of Texas Longhorns Saturday, it will mark the crucial point of the Steers' comeback trail to the Southwest Conference basketball diadem. A defeat by the Cadets would relegate Texas to the "mathematical chance" category with virtually no chance at the flag.

For the Aggies, it will present a fine set-up for an upset victory over the favored Longhorns; and the fact that the game will be played in their own balliwick makes the pre-game own a toss-up. Regardless of the potency of the Farmers, they never are cinched to be defeated in their own gymnasium.

And a victory over the Steers would be dear to the heart of every Cadet, since it would probably turn the University cagers into "also rans."

REGULARS START

Jack Gray, Longhorn coach, probably will start the same crew against the Aggies that swept the North Texas series with S. M. U. and Texas Christian early this week: Captain Willit Tate and Thurman Hull, forwards; Denton Cooley, center; and Oran Spears and Bouncing Bobby Moers, guards.

This line-up will present two sophomores, Hull and Cooley, two juniors, Hoers and Spears, and one senior, Tate. A possible alteration to this line-up would be the injection of W. D. "Speedy" Houpt in the center slot in place of Cooley, and Elmer (Seabiscuit) Finley or Ches (One Man Gang) Granville in Hull's forward post.

In Cooley, the Steers are featuring a story-book athlete, for the six-foot Houstonian, a mediocre second-string Yearling last year, has developed into one of Gray's most dependable scoring boys. In his first full-fledged game, against St. Edward's Tigers, the big blond lad dumped thirteen points through the basket for high honors; against the high-flying Ponies last Monday he looped nine; then came back Tuesday to score four against the Frogs for a mean average of eight points per game.

Against the Christians, Hull, the

former John Tarleton flash, finally lived up to his offensive potentialities and meshed nine points. Hull had been playing in hard luck all season, his shots were accurate enough but just wouldn't sink into the basket; they'd career tantalizingly on the rim and roll off.

MOERS BOY TO STOP

The one man the Cadets must stop, however, is the Steers' India-Rubber Man, Bobby Moers. Moers sheer aggressiveness and competitive spirit has played a prominent part in the Longhorn comeback.

His ball-hawking and handling turned S. M. U. from a great finish team to a collection of jitterbugs last Monday. Moers is capable of scoring a great number of points, should he go on one of his scoring sprees. He also is one of Gray's most dependable defensive players and sticks closer to his man than a Scotchman to a nickel.

Spears is not the offensive man his four other starting team-mates are, but he definitely is Texas' best guard. His work to date has left nothing to be desired by the Longhorn coach. In the St. Ed's. game, he held Ed Norris, one of the nation's best basquesters, to two field goals; he blanketed Snip-er Norton of S. M. U. and Ben Abney of the Frogs more effectively than these gentlemen have been covered to date.

TATE PERKS UP

The fifth member of the starting line-up, Captain Tate, has been off his 1937 and 1938 form practically all season. In the Pony and Christian games, however, Tate indicated he was about ready to pick up where he left off last season, when he was one of the leading scorers in the conference.

Grudge Game Will Fill Memorial Gym Saturday Night

Tomorrow night the second place Texas University quintet will invade the Aggie gym where they will meet coach "Hub" McQuil-lan's luckless five in a grudge game that has been built up to the point where both teams will be at a very high pitch. Before the varsity game starts, the freshman quintets of both schools will play their annual fray, which starts at 6:30.

Sammy Dwyer, captain of the Aggie quint, has been declared ineligible. Scarbrough, a great Cadet player, failed to return to school for the spring term. Both of these facts will greatly reduce the Cadets' chances.

Since this feud between the Aggies and Texas has been renewed, Texas has upset league-leading S. M. U. and has barely eeked out a victory over the T. C. U. Frogs, who have not won a game.

"Big Dog" Dawson, Aggie center, says that the Cadets will fight their hearts out to beat those high-stepping yellow-shirted Texans.

J. T. Lang says that he will play the game of his life against Jack Gray's charges. "Red" Carrigan, who has been playing outstanding ball all season, will be in there at forward with his eyes glued on the basket.

The Cadets will have a hard time stopping Bobby Moers, great University of Texas athlete, but it is to be remembered that he is the man that was jarred loose from that football last fall when the Aggies scored their six points. Pat Daniels, editor of the Daily Texan and Clarence LaRoche, sports editor of the same sheet, will be here for the game. "Cueball" Doss and "Jeep" Oates will serve them tea during the half.

NORTON SEEKS ANOTHER TODD



Coach Homer Norton looks over three Aggie gridsters who might fill the shoes of Dick Todd. They are, from left to right, Bud Force, Bama Smith and Bill Conatser. Force is a fast back who is a good short passer and a fair kicker; Smith specializes in speed; Conatser gained fame this season with his kicks.

"Interception" of Patrick by U. T. Is Cause of Chiding Bible at Meet

By E. C. "JEEP" OATES
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This column mentioned the fact that the "Bible Plan" intercepted, or rather stole, R. E. Patrick, star Yearling halfback last fall, from the Aggies. The story was caught up and reprinted over the state. Recently Bible visited Galveston and was carried high by exes from both A. & M. and Texas.

The coaching tower that coach Norton used during the two years of his illness is no more. The Aggie mentor celebrated his return to health this week with a few hefty swings with an eight pound maul at this tower and down it tumbled. With his return to health comes a new Norton, one that has not been known here. He is like a young, frisky bull. His voice can be heard for blocks as he roars out his instructions. He is certainly not the meek fellow that he has been. Most any day we are expecting to go out and see him dressed in pads and doing a little playing himself.

Sixty-seven men are out for spring training at this time. More will join the squad later on. Dawson is still playing basketball and Pugh is unable to play at this time.

F. A. TOPS CLASS B

In the Class B standings the Field Artillery still leads with E Battery at the top and seven other outfits in the first 20 teams. There are five Field outfits in the first 10 places. B Coast is second and it seems that these fellows are out for blood, for they have a Class A standing of 320, or 13th. It is interesting to note that an outfit's standing in one class is closely paralleled by their standing in the other class. The enthusiasm of the upperclassmen is handed down to the underclassmen.

In this class as well as in Class A, we find that there are a few outfits that have failed to register any points in the standings so far. Here for the first time we note that the infantry has an outfit with a zero count, and Service Battery Field Artillery keeps up the pace set in Class A by failing to make a point.

The squads are divided into two classes of three teams each. Jeffrey, Kimbrough, Price, and Thomason are in the first team backfield. Joe White and Herby Smith are at ends. Boyd and Pannall are the tackles. Audish and Marshall Robnett are the guards. Vaughn is center. Duncan is alternating at end and Rerace Moser is alternating in the rear cordon.

The second team consists of Conatser, Hall, Pugh, Spivey and Weason in the backfield. Sterling and Clark, a couple of freshmen, are running at the ends. Routt, Henke, and our old friend "Windy" Crawford are working at tackles. Henry, Buck, and Jardell are hold-ing in down the guards. "Goller" Hausser is centering.

Third team—Force, Rogers, "Bama" Smith, and Finis White, backs; Jack Kimbrough, Heiman, Darby and Crowley, ends; Joeris, Ruby, and McPhail, tackles; Reeves and Jardell, guards; Herman and Holder, centers.

You will notice that each backfield has a man that is over 200 pounds in it.

LaRoche and Daniels of the Daily Texan will be here for the ball game Saturday night. We are hoping that everyone will enjoy their presence, but don't kill the lugs.

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ARROW SHIRTS

Field Artillery Outfits Top Lists in Half-Through Intramural Competition

BY TOM DARROW
Assistant Sports Editor

The job I have before me is one that I always approach with fear and trembling, for no matter what I say or how tactful I am, I get into trouble over the views expressed by this corner. I've never intended to act as publicity agent for anyone, and I've always tried to be as fair as possible. The job I refer to is the one of commenting on the intramural standings of the various organizations, and helping to interpret the figures.

During the past week, complete half-year standings in both Class A and B were released for all outfits.

In the Class A flag chase we find three Field Artillery batteries leading the way and setting the pace for the rest of the pack. C Field, with the well-known "Slick" Trapline running things, is 25 points ahead of 1 Hq. Field. These two outfits have been fighting it out all year, but so far "Slick" has got the upper hand on "Chick" Denny and his boys.

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