

Aggies Whip Mustangs In Close Game



ON KYLE FIELD

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Bill Stern Adopts A. & M. For School; Wants Jacket With TEXAS AGGIES On It

Bill Stern, outstanding sportscaster of the National Broadcasting Company, who was here this last week to broadcast the Aggies-S. M. U. tilt fell in love with the school so much that he has adopted it as his "alma mater."

This writer worked with him during his stay on the campus and after the ball game Saturday he turned and asked that I send him

a jacket or shirt with TEXAS AGGIES on it. He said that he wanted to adopt the school as his own. He said he would wear it to all sports events he goes to.

He was hot in his praise for A. & M., both as a school and a football producer. He thinks that Thomason, Pannell, Kimbrough, Boyd, Smith, Conatser and Henke are tops.

Rice Is Next Hurdle Aggies Must Clear; 1937 Game at Houston Is Not Forgotten

Friday night the Aggie freshmen will meet the Rice Slimes at the Rice Stadium. The Fish have a better than even chance of winning.

In 1937 the Fish played there on Friday afternoon and the Rice varsity coaches watched the game. They pulled out the stop watch and decided the Fish were not coming to a halt after their shift. They noticed the officials to watch the Aggies the next day and fed them (the officials) a line. Anyway, the Aggies ran over the Owls on Saturday, but FEATHER LEGS, pardon, I mean feathered flock, gleaned a 6 to 6 tie, thanks to the officials. Rice went on to win the conference flag that year, but they would never have contented to playing the Aggies again without the help of one RATS WATSON.

Last year the Aggies trimmed the Owls 27 to 0, but they still do not have the revenge that they want. Robnett can take his number 43 Saturday and make Joe Routt love him every time he cracks a few feathers loose. Henke can make "Brahma" Jones smile with a couple of good cracks. Those are the numbers Routt and Jones were wearing when they played their hearts out for the TIE.

Rice thinks they have a grudge against the Cadets for piling that 27 points up against them last year, but the Aggies played every one but me, and I think I could have made a fair try at a couple of points myself. The Cadets had a hard time holding the score down to 27 points.

Moser and Conatser Get Letter From Nut; Some Pony Fan Should Have Seen Aggies

A letter came in from Huntsville the other day addressed to Moser and Conatser. It told about how the writer was sorry that Moser and Conatser were roomies because their room would be empty after the Ponies got through stomping them into the ground.

It went on to say that the Aggies were a bunch of over-rated "cream puffs" who would like to get out of playing the Mustangs. John Kimbrough would be placed with the other white lilies, the writer said.

It is a shame that this writer who would not even sign the letter did not get to see the game. Maybe he, she, or it did see the fray—we hope so. The Aggies played a great game of ball and I guess I owe Joe Boyd an apology for calling him a slow hulking tackle when he scored against Arkansas. Joe played a fine game in the mud. The pictures of the Arkansas game were shown in Bryan Sunday and Joe was paying everyone's way to see him score the touch!

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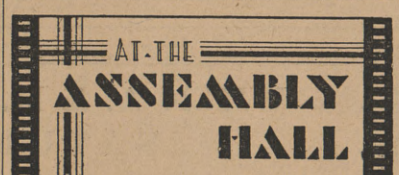
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NATHAN SPOKE FOR HILLEL CLUB SUNDAY

Will Nathan, attorney of Houston, state representative of the Hillel Foundation, addressed an open meeting of the Hillel Club last Sunday evening at 7:15.

His subject was "The Social Ethics of the Prophets in the Light of Present-Day Democracy".

Preceding the talk by Nathan the Hillel Club held a business meeting.



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Aggies Invade Owls' Nest Saturday

RICE TEAM WILL BE PLAYING AN INSPIRED GAME

By Jimmy James

This week the victorious Texas Aggies invade the feathery nest of the Rice Owls at Houston. The team as Aggeland is not pointing for a breather, but are preparing for an inspired, improving team.

The Owls will not be the only inspired team on the field, however, as the Aggies will be after a fighting chance at the "Great Lain" and to square the "Rats Watson Deal" of 1937.

As for the 1939 Conference record, A. & M. has a percentage of 1,000, having won four games and neither having lost nor tied any. Rice's record is not quite so good, having lost one game and this past week they eked out a tie with the Razorbacks from Arkansas, whom the Aggies have whipped to the tune of 27 to 0. But it will take more than just this poorly comparable record to knock the Feathered Flock from their roost. Jimmy Kitts, Rice Coach, believes strongly that he and his pet birds will be able to take the fighting Aggies into camp despite the reported injuries which the Kittsmen received from their Arkansas fracas.

Ernie "The Great" Lain was removed from the tilt this past Saturday because of a left shoulder injury, which is thought not to be serious. With the loss of Lain a new star came into brilliance, Whitlock Zanders, a San Antonio boy. Zanders, substitute for Lain, plunged the line for Rice's first touchdown of the game.

Rice and A. & M. are both charter members of the Southwest Conference, which was organized in 1914, and have met each year since, except in 1918 and 1919. During this time, A. & M. has chalked up 15 victories while the team from the Bayou City has only six on their winning blackboard. Two other games were ties, including the 1937 game.

Both teams report just the usual quota of game injuries. Robnett, Aggie guard, received the worst Aggie injury, a broken nose. On the next play Sanders of S. M. U., the administrator of Robnett's cracked snuzzle, was carried limping from the field. Also carried from the field was Sander's chances for a birth on the All-Southwest Conference Team. So, at the time being, it appears that both Rice and A. & M. will take to the field physically fit.

Wild Game Notes

The Georgetown Country Club may be able to lay claim to being the only golf club in Texas which is raising wild turkeys. That club has two hens, a gobbler and thirteen young roaming its course and the surrounding woods and the big birds are being protected. There will be no open season on that bunch of turkeys if the club members can help it.

Texas has four species of poisonous snakes, but three of them have a variety of sub-species. Largest number of sub-species is boasted by the rattlesnake family. There are ten, namely, pigmy or ground rattler, Willard's Prairie, diamondback, Western diamondback, green velvet, green rock, mountain, black-tail and canebrake. There are two varieties of copperheads and three of coral snakes, but there is only one member of the moccasin family which is poisonous. It is the cottonmouth.

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Aggies Hold Slight Lead In Williamson Rating; System Has Excellent Record

By Paul B. Williamson

With the season approaching its close the 10 leaders shaped up with a fairly representative showing from across the nation. On the basis of last week's performances the leaders are:

- Texas A. & M. for easing over Southern Methodist 6 to 2—97.5.
- Tulane for taking Alabama 13 to 0—97.4.
- North Carolina for swamping Davidson 32 to 0—97.4.
- Southern California for blanking Stanford 33 to 0—97.0.
- Tennessee for riding over Citadel 34 to 0—95.6.
- Cornell for beating Colgate 14 to 12—95.0.
- Oklahoma for defeating Kansas State 13 to 0—94.6.
- Ohio State for snowing under Chicago 61 to 0—94.1.
- The Farmers of Texas A. & M. held their national leadership by nosing out Southern Methodist 6 to 2 in a week of relatively mild upsets and the second best week of predictions for the Williamson system this season.
- Games reported through Nov. 11, 1939:
- Perfect Team100.0
- 1. Texas A. & M.97.5
- 2. Tulane U.97.4
- 3. N. Carolina U.97.4
- 4. Sou. California97.0
- 5. Tennessee U.95.6
- 6. Cornell95.0
- 7. Oklahoma U.94.6
- 8. Ohio State U.94.1
- 9. Clemson93.8
- 10. Duquesne93.4
- 11. Missouri93.2
- 12. Mississippi92.9
- 13. Alabama92.6
- 14. Fordham92.4
- 15. Oregon State92.3
- 16. Princeton92.0
- 17. Pittsburgh91.7
- 18. Northwestern90.8
- 19. Santa Clara90.7
- 20. Nebraska90.5
- 27. Rice83.6

Intramurals

With Hub Johnson

Cold and wet weather tended to slow things up a bit this last week and it seems as though it might continue to do the same this week.

The finals in basketball will start today but as this goes to press it is not definite as to who will play the first games. At any rate, it is known that the games will be played tonight.

The old time intramural battery broke into the list of organizations claiming places in the final play-offs in basketball this weekend as E Field Artillery turned back the A Engineer five with a score of 14 to 5. The game was closely played and no one stood out more than any other. The high scorers were Parker for the Field, registering four, and Dullin, who made three points.

Company K Infantry completed the list of final teams by defeating A Chemical Warfare 23 to 15. This was a faster game than the above one with Hayward Watson setting the pace on the floor with 14 points for the 'K' team.

The freshman training period for the cross country run started yesterday at Kyle Field. It is now required that any freshman who is to run in the cross country event must practice under supervision and must have run the course at least six times before the meet. The practices are scheduled from 4 to 5:30 daily at the main gate of Kyle Field with Col. Anderson in charge.

F Engineers are still putting it out. This time it's in tennis. McLarn and Bemis turned back Wright and Brenner, Wright and Johnston won over Bodin and Edmondson, and Appelt and White fell to Ballow and Johnston to give the Engineers a 2 to 1 win over M Infantry. That Leslie Appelt sure gets around the intramural fields a lot, rifle shooting, basketball, and now tennis.

In the Class B branch, B Coast Artillery and B Cavalry have completed their football schedules and both claim the right to play for the championship. There are ten leagues in the 'fish' basketball set-up with a total of 43 teams.

Class A handball will commence Monday, November 20. The first day after the corps trip is a swell day for this fast moving game. Schedules will be issued the later part of this week.

The best football game played lately was the tilt between B Signal Corps and D Coast Artillery. The Signal boys lacked the push to mark themselves up a score after invading once to the 20 yard line and once to the 40 yard line, so they buckled down to play a defensive game to hold the lead with their penetrations. A good defense it was too, for they pushed the Coast team back and collected two points from a safety. The 'D' Battery boys failed to penetrate or mar the Signal team's half of the field.

TUMBLERS WORK TO PREPARE A COLORFUL SHOW

The Texas Aggie tumbling team has started its initial workouts. These workout are held every afternoon at 5 o'clock in the mat room of the gym.

All boys interested in this sport are cordially invited to come out and try for the team. Experience is not necessary, as boys in the past years have come out for the team with no idea of what a forward roll was and before the season ended they were on equal basis with the boys that had experience.

This organization puts on a colorful show between halves at the basketball games played here at the college. They also give exhibitions in towns where the basketball team has gone to play.

The team is the most unique on the campus in that it has no coach. Although they have a capable sponsor in Mr. Penberthy, the boys are self-coached and help each other in trying tumbling tactics.

Game Commission Assails Racketeers In Wildlife Fields

Austin, Texas.—Racketeering in the name of wildlife restoration was branded here today by the executive secretary of the Texas Game, Fish and Oyster Commission "as criminal as selling gold bricks." The executive secretary pointed out reports to the Game Department office indicate persons are attempting to collect money from communities on the pretense of being able to influence the allocation of federal aid to wildlife projects. Such projects in Texas are under the jurisdiction of the Game Commission and no one has been authorized to raise funds for such projects, nor for any other work the Department is doing.

Claims, it is said, are being made that local financial assistance is necessary to qualify for projects financed through Pittman-Robertson funds. However, this is untrue, as the Game Department will give careful consideration to suggestions of sportsmen, landowners, or nature organizations without their contributing any money, he emphasized.

Army Begins Giant Air Training Drive

Washington, D. C.—In another effort to build the nation's air force to new strength and power, the U. S. Army has begun from here a giant drive to enlist hundreds of college youth in the regular army's air training program.

Army representatives are making tours of colleges in the several corps areas, and applications are being taken for those who wish to enter regular army air service. However, students are not being urged to abandon their present college courses to take up training at the army's air schools.

This program is in addition to the giant in-college training course being given to undergraduates by the Civil Aeronautics Authority, of which a branch has just been established at A. & M.

Two Great Teams Fight Muddy Battle

By Jeep Oates

Two of the greatest teams in the history of the Southwest conference battled for a full 60 minutes here Saturday afternoon on a water-logged field under the dripping skies before 30,000 spectators, the largest non-Thanksgiving crowd in history, as the Aggies rang up victory number eight, this time against the fast stepping Southern Methodist Mustangs. The final score on the board was Aggies 6, S. M. U. 2, as most of the crowd swarmed the soggy field.

For 56 minutes the ball game belonged to the Aggies, but at this point Marshall Robnett, who played an outstanding game, intercepted a Pony pass and after zigging across the field a few times, lateraled, but the officials called it a forward pass and penalized the Aggies to the shadow of their goal.

Conatser went back to punt out but was rushed fast by Goss, the Pony left end, and Conatser had to fall on the blocked kick to give the Ponies a safety. From there on out the Mustangs kept the Aggie team in the air with their passing. The Ponies ran four plays in 45 seconds three in eight and one in one.

The Cadets scored their touchdown in the second period after Vaughn had recovered a Pony fumble deep in Mustang territory. John Kimbrough, on two plays, put the ball on the Pony two yard stripe and on the third play he headed into left tackle and finding it blocked he skirted left end and bounced a Pony back on the ground before going over the goal line standing up.

Breaks of the game helped the Aggies score their touchdown and also helped the Ponies make their two points. The breaks also robbed the Aggies of at least one more touch and probably two.

A. & M. used twenty men in the frag and that is the number of stars the Aggies had. S. M. U. used twenty and they had 19 stars. "Dandy Dick" Miller, being the lad who showed great possibilities was a goat.

A. & M. must have set a record when they attempted only one pass during the grueling fray. The Aggies ran up a net of 165 yards rushing on the muddy turf while the Ponies were netting 36 on the ground. The Ponies netted 41 yards on passing.

Ernie Pannell played the game of his career Saturday after playing only an ordinary game against Arkansas. Henke, Robnett, Boyd, Smith, Buchanan, Vaughn—well, from end to end and from quarterback to fullback, the Aggies gave their all.

Preston Johnson and his kicking were the highlights for S. M. U. The Aggies can be the greatest team in the school's history if they continue to "rock 'em and sock 'em."

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