

Aggies Are Conference Champions As Baylor Loses

SPORTS BILLBOARD

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This column was written especially for The Battalion by Clyde LaMotte, sports editor of the Daily Texan, by request of Jeep Oates. The most oft-asked question around the tea table over here on the Forty Acres is "Do you have a ticket to the game?" No one bothers to ask (not even the beautiful but oh so dumb blonde) what game the particular tea-sipper is referring to because around these parts there is just one battle of the year that can be spoken of as THE game and that, of course, is the Thanksgiving Day classic with the Aggies.

Any person who is able to say casually that he has a couple on the fifty is immediately the center of attraction and envy—not to mention the plots to waylay him. Because this year, in particular, the campus has gone football mad.

From a cold-blooded, analytical point of view the Steers have about as much chance of winning as a punch-board gambler. Without a doubt you Aggies have a stronger, faster line. Admitted that you have a superior, well-rounded backfield. It's true, of course, that in "Jarrin Jaw" you have a truly great player fully deserving of a rating on anyone's all-America. And incidentally, I'd like to suggest that you spell the name kimBROUGH. It sounds more appropriate.

So it seems that a guy in his right mind would concede the victory to the Aggies and instead of spending his time to worrying about the outcome of the game try to get some decent tickets for whatever "bowl" game the Aggies will play on January 1.

But it's hard to get cold and analytical after seeing one Jack Crain in action. Texas fans saw him against Florida. They heard via radio of his exploits against the Wisconsin Badgers.

They saw him scare the living daylight out of the Oklahoma Sooners. They saw him against

Arkansas—AND HOW THEY SAW HIM ! ! ! ! There wasn't a sane person in Memorial Stadium when little Jack weaved his way through the desperate Arkansas team as the second hand on the big field clock raced him to the goal line. They saw him run the big Rice Owls ragged.

Against T. C. U. they saw him scoot 65 yards for a touchdown on the third play of the game and they saw the Frogs concentrate on him so much they let another little package of dynamite, Gilly Davis, run loose. It wasn't Jackie who made the winning touchdown but it was undoubtedly because of him that Gilly got his chance. And that's taking nothing away from Gilmore Davis who is a player in his own right. With these two players how can you expect Texas fans to be reasonable?

As for the rest of the Texas line-up—it is not a set-up by any chance. True, there are no great players. At least they were not born heroes and they have been playing over their heads to win this year. But they have that fire and spirit it takes to change a team from a welcome mat to a dangerous opponent.

At fullback will be little Gilly—all 147 pounds of him. Crafty Coach Bible shifted him to that position in the T. C. U. game in order to get better kicking and to have him in the game with Crain. In previous games he had alternated with Jack at left half. Pete Layden, a very promising sophomore who has been bothered with injuries, will replace Gilly—especially when passes are needed.

Crain will be at left half. You need not worry too much about forgetting him for ne'll nit you in the eye like grapefruit juice. Oh, about all he can do is run. He's not much shakes as a passer and he's not a great punter. He's a one-jog man. But all Caruso could do was sing ! ! ! !

Here's the way the game shapes up from this department. You Aggies will be handling tricky, dangerous dynamite Thanksgiving Day. Handled with caution and with the proper respect you should have no trouble with it. But take it lightly; relax your vigilance, let a spark get started, and you are likely to see a splendid record blown to smithereens. Remember this, as long as Jack Crain and Gilly Davis are in there the ball game isn't over until the blue smoke of the timer's gun is wafted away. Either can change a doleful dirge into a victory march with the strumming tattoo of his elusive feet.

PROMINENT MEN TO HEAD DAIRY SHORT COURSE

The annual dairymen's short course to be held here December 4 to 6, will be led by such top ranking men as F. W. Atkeson, Head of the Dairy Husbandry Department, Kansas State College; C. H. Staples, dairy department head at Louisiana State College; J. W. Ridgeway of the American Jersey Cattle Club, and Dr. H. C. Schmidt, chief veterinary division, Texas Agricultural Experiment Station, according to A. L. Darnell, professor of dairy husbandry at A. & M.

Aggie Fish Battle Yearlings Tomorrow

Conference Flag Again Waves Over Kyle Field After Twelve Lean Years

Mustangs Defeat Bears 20-0, To Hand Aggies First Championship Since 1927, In Days Of D. X. Bible

Coach Homer Norton's Aggies captured the conference championship Saturday when the S. M. U. Mustangs whipped the Baylor Bears 20 to 0 at Dallas.

Until that time the Bears still had a chance to tie for the title if they won over S. M. U. and the Cadets lost to Texas next Thursday.

Norton and his great Aggies were on the practice field when they were notified that they were the CHAMPS. The team stopped practice for a few minutes and the rain storm started. There were few dry eyes on the field as the lads went around hugging each other. They were crying from happiness.

Coach Norton wiped an eye and said, "this is my greatest thrill. Those players and that CADET CORPS deserve all the credit."

Norton and his aides are giving credit to everyone, but they deserve as much credit as anyone and a darn sight more than some of the people who are stepping in and telling you how they helped win the conference.

After the congratulations were passed around, someone yelled, "Hell, we play Texas Thursday," and back to work they went with all the vim that they could muster.

The last time the Cadets won the title was back in 1927 and the years since then have been lean, but after 12 years that flag will again wave over Kyle Field, the home of the Texas Aggies.

C Field Artillery Wins Both Classes Of Cross-Country

One hundred and seventy-seven boys trod the road Saturday evening to try to mark up a few points for their respective organizations and to try for some individual honors for themselves. C Field Artillery claimed both class champions and marked the second year in succession for the winning of the Class A title.

T. C. Bibbs was the individual winner of the upperclassmen race, marking a time of nine minutes and thirty seconds. Bibbs was running for F Engineers, although no other runners for this organization were high enough to put the team in the win column. Class B first place winner was E. B. Mayer of M Infantry.

Last year 14 teams entered the Class A run with a total of 49 individuals. This year 69 men entered to compose 18 teams. There were 22 freshmen teams with 106 runners.

The 1938 winning team was composed of Bissett, Krezborn, Rogers, Defee, Becker, and Anderson, and was managed by Trapolino. This year the team was managed by Duncan and was made up of Kleuser, Elmore, Knapp, Cole, and Ayers with Krezborn returning to be the only member to run both years.

The teams in the top bracket of each class include: Class A, C Field Artillery, 1st Headquarters Field Artillery, and B. Engineers; Class B, C Field Artillery, F Engineers, and 1st Headquarters Field Artillery.

Joe College, Baylor Bear, Gets Playmate

Waco, Texas.—Joe College, Baylor University's aging black bear mascot, has pulled a lot of straw into his den and gone to bed for the winter—unaware that a big surprise will await him when he wakes next March.

For then he will have company, another black bear much younger and more playful than himself.

The new bear, gift of Elmer Benson of McAllen to the Baylor Chamber of Commerce, actually will be a successor to old Joe, for Joe's 11 years are making him a

INTRAMURAL HIGHLIGHTS

By HUB JOHNSON

The finals in basketball and another sport is scratched off the list. This was some game with the K Infantry boys reaching nearly to the rafters and the I Company team the fastest and scrappiest on the floor.

K Infantry turned down 3rd Headquarters Field Artillery to reach the final match. This, too, was a hard fought game and ended 23 to 19. Francis was the main charge for the field team, marking up 12 of their points. The scoring for the Infantry team was all-round with six different men accounting for the 23 points.

Cross country has come and gone and it did so very quick. Saturday was the final run and C Field Artillery carried off the sport again. Not only did they possess the lower score in the Class A group but their fish also ran off with the Class B title.

The largest number ever to compete in the run was the final record. A lot of credit goes to Col. Frank Anderson in helping the freshman as well as some upperclassmen prepare for the event.

Handball will now be the sport of greatest interest until the touch football final pay-offs begin. Water polo is still on the list and the tennis schedule is drawing nearer and nearer to the last lines each week.

The First Combat Train downed the C Troop Cavalry handball team with a 2 to 1 margin. The train team boast some experienced players and should go a long way. Martin and Brakehill defeated Pinson and Bivian, Ulmer and McLarty lost to Akarman and Hughes, and Propts and Skinner won over Bryan and Conally. Skinner is a transfer from Second Headquarters, runner-ups from last year.

Signal Corps won their second game in the handball league by handing C Engineers a 3 to 0 defeat. H Infantry won over Machine Gun Troop Cavalry and the Third Combat Train took a forfeit from E Infantry.

The surprise of the week was A Field Artillery's forfeit to Hq. Signal Corps. This doesn't sound like the A Battery of last year.

Forfeit also played a sad story on water polo games with four games scheduled and all four won on forfeits.

B Engineers took a win from F Infantry, L Infantry from C Chem Warfare, and D Cavalry drops out of the league with their second forfeit which was to C Infantry. F Engineers, of all teams, forfeited to the Artillery Band. This was the first bad move of the year for this team.

The present standing so far finds F Engineers on top with 195 points out of three sports and C Field Artillery trailing close with 180 points.

bit cross and weary . . . too much so for the stunts asked of a college mascot.

Benson's donation is only one and a half years old, already trained for several tricks and anxious to learn more from the Baylor student body. A new cage is being built on the campus for him.

The flag of Clark University will be planted at the south pole by a member of the new Byrd expedition.

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Boston Post Scribe Flays Football Rating Systems

By BILL CUNNINGHAM

That weekly "outstanding team" poll arrived at by a "consensus vote of the experts," spun off the stalk this week and became three separate pinwheels, as one crowd continued to name Tennessee, another selected Texas A. & M. and a third came up with Cornell. This consensus poll business is triply concentrated piffle. Most of "the experts" who hasten to vote are village literati who never see anything closer to national power than the local high school eleven.

Those who do move around and might be in some faint position to hazard a sensible guess mostly don't, because (1) they realize that any such guessing is strictly silly and (2) because they don't see any particular reason why they should labor directly for the Associated Press, the United Press, or whatever, without due compensation. But a lot of the big gents in little towns and little gents in big towns read the scores at great distances and duly pontificate their opinions by wire and that such and such is the out-fort goes the solemn statement standing team in the nation this week because "the experts" have so decreed.

How'd you place your money, for instance, on Southern California vs. Texas A. & M.?

and undefeated teams, which means that a team such as Tennessee, which certainly sounds grim, grand and super-glamorous, but which has been galloping over a schedule containing the likes of Sewaunee, Chattanooga, Mercer and Citadel, is in there riding the crest for a month, while the likes of Southern California, Iowa, Notre Dame, Holy Cross, Tulane and Ohio State, to name but a few, aren't even considered because they've tied or maybe lost one.

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THESE ARE PRETTY HARD TO PICK

How long would you hesitate before stripping the roll to bet between Notre Dame and Tennessee, or Ohio State and Tennessee, and which way would you bet? Where'd you place the long green between Iowa and Cornell, or Cornell and Tulane? I'm just asking. Cornell defeated Columbia, 13 to 7. Tulane banged the same team around Saturday, 25 to 0.

It's a system of rating that won't stand under fire, and still it does serve to spotlight certain new units each autumn to the educational advantage of national fandom, which doesn't care especially as long as it has something to read.

The new name in there this year, at least to many in this section, is undoubtedly Texas A. & M., that power north of the border, down Mexico way. Many letters have arrived at this address politely asking what, where and why it is, how it came about and if it really is good.

Although an old north Texas boy myself from that Dallas where the blonde shot her boy friend yesterday—those gals don't fool; at least, they don't fool much—and thus a long way from the College Station country that houses the so-called Texas Aggies, I can report sufficiently to clear up any major mysteries, both from early general knowledge and recent scout reports building up to the annual All America effort.

Texas Agricultural and Mechanical College, to give it the official name, is the original State institution down there. Founded 63 years ago, in 1876, it's no Johnny-come-lately. The State university, perhaps the better known University of Texas, didn't come along until 1881. For a great many years they were the only two. All the T.C.U.'s, S.M.U.'s, Baylors, Rices, et cetera, came along later, some of them much, much later than that in matters of headline football.

Aggie Poloists Lose Close Game To O.M.A., 4 to 3

Sunday at Jackson Field Oklahoma Military Academy broke a tie score in the last chukker to defeat A. & M.

The game was fast, with the domination of the play shifting from team to team. A. & M. started with a rush and carried the ball in the first period but missed the goal by inches. O. M. A. took charge in the second and scores by Ross and Hall gave them a two-point lead. The third found O. M. A. still on the go and Hall added another.

The Aggies came back strong after the rest period, Sid McDonald scoring in the fourth. Continuing strong, Asas Jones tied up the score in the fifth with two goals.

In the final period the Aggies were attacking but could not quite find the goal. As the final bugle blew Oklahoma took the ball the length of the field and won by the goal by Noe, who had played a good game at back all the way.

Asa Jones played his usual fine game at No. 2 and the mallet work of T. A. Williams, soph back did a great deal to keep the Aggies in the running.

Score	Okl. M. A.
No. 1—Maloney.....	Hall
No. 2—Jones (Capt.).....	Ross
No. 3—McDonald.....	Downs (Capt.)
No. 4—Williams.....	Noe
Periods.....	1 2 3 4 5 6 Final
A. & M.....	0 0 1 2 0—3
O. M. A.....	0 2 1 0 0 1—4
Goals: Jones 2, McDonald 1, Hall 1, Ross 1, Noe 1.	
"Hostilities" will be resumed Tuesday at 3:00 p. m.	

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Yearlings Favored To Subdue Fish

Tomorrow afternoon at 2:45 the Aggie freshmen will meet the University of Texas freshmen in the game of the year for both teams.

The Fish have played two games this year, winning from Allen Academy and losing to the Rice Slimes. The Yearlings defeated the Slimes earlier in the year and from that it appears they will take the Fish.

Last year in Austin the Yearling "99ers" trimmed the young Cadets 7 to 6 and it appears that they will again turn the trick this year, but by a larger score.

The Fish have a few good prospects, but they do not have an entire squad of material as do the Yearlings. The Bible Plan didn't stop with one year and they have an outstanding crop of players.

Coach Hub McQuillan has been working the freshman long and hard during the past week and they may put up a good scrap, but it appears that the Texas invaders will outclass them in all but about four positions.

It is doubtful that Willie Zapalac will be able to go. He has been sitting on the sidelines since the Rice game. "Red" Webster, who missed the Rice tilt, will be back in shape and Jerry Templeton, another bright prospect, will be ready.

Other Fish who have shown promise are Muhollan, Jamie Wilson, Harold Boyd, Charles Miller, Lloyd Ferrell and Robert Benbow.

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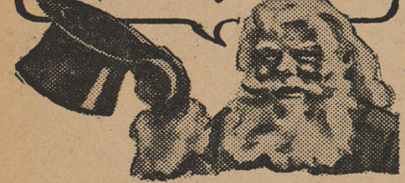
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