

DICKINSON'S SYSTEM WRONG; HE PICKS AGGIES SECOND

pass on to you that carries quite a smell. The University of Southern California's unbeaten but twice tied Trojans were rated as the na tion's champion college football team of 1939. This was the way Professor Frank G. Dickinson of the University of Illinois headed his system of awarding national gridiron titles. He had the Texas Aggies rated in second place, and Cornell, Tulane, and Tennessee ranked third, fourth, and fifth re-

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Jimmie Cokinos Pinch-Hitting + Professor Dickinson, who by the way, teaches Economics, has been awarding national football titles since 1924. He says that his system takes everything into consideration in ranking the teams. Much stress of the selection is based on the strength of opponents of the teams considered.

For this honor the Trojans will receive the Knute Rockne Memorial Trophy for 1939. The trophy is given each year to the team that Dickinson's system selects. The donation is sponsored by Notre Dame's famous horsemen-Jim Crowley, Elmer Layden, Don Miller, and Harry Stuhldrehr.

With this point in mind, we believe the strongest competition in the nation can be found right here in the Southwest Conference. We can't agree with Prof. Dickinson when he says that the football played on the West Coast is better than the type played in this conference. Don't take our word for it; let's see what the fellow has to say about the west coast teams that has seen them play. Coach Norton, who saw the U. C. L. A .-Southern California game, came back with the report that the forward passing out there does not even come on a par with that of this conference. Their defensive attacks do not seem to lead anywhere; they reach a certain point and from there on they don't know what to do. No sir, we can't agree way out in "right field" and let with the professor with his top team. Well, anyway, let's not worry too much about this "system" as it is just one man's opin-

AS NATION'S NO. 1 TEAM

The Aggies were rated by the A. P. final poll as the number one team of the nation for 1939. This vote is compiled by the outstanding sport writers of the nation along with other authorities of football. We believe that this poll is the best in the country as it is taken from men that know what football is all about and from men whose first interests are in the game and not in some other field, (economics for instance).

WHOLE SQUAD, BAND, REV WILL MAKE SUGAR BOWL

Coach Norton is taking the whole

football squad to the game in New Orleans. Every man who came out for varsity football and remained, including the ineligibles who didn't see a minute's service, will make the trip. There will be The A. & M. Athletic Council will take care of the Band expenses, the dog mascot, will be there to Cooley. This year's team is the lead the Band on the playing field. same as last year with the excep-No definite check has been made tion of Capt. Willie Tate, center. on the number of students expected to make the trip, but according to the ticket office, about 1,500 student tickets have been sold already. This is a small number gies fall on the ball and then they and if the team is expecting any the "Twelfth Man."

Fourth down and two to go . . John Kimbrough, the Aggies' All- team that calls itself "the passing-American fullback who suffered a est team in the nation" was outball squad will be the guest of to be satisfied with 742 yards . . Sonja Henie's skating show to- In this department the Aggies had night in Houston . . . In return the best average with a percentfor this invitation, the Aggie team age of 432 . . . Come on Army! will present Miss Henie with an on to New Orleans where hellza-Aggie blanket . . . What's this we poppin' New Year's Day. near about Rice's line coach, Lou Hertenberger, handing in his res- Dear Jeep: ignation? . . . Maybe he is beating I have been to a few of the A the Houston Wolves to the punch & M. polo games and was sur-

sent in to the Bat office via Aggies attending. No one seems mail. It was taken from one of to care about this sport, and yet New Orleans leading newspapers: it has been said by those who "For the benefit of Tulane, op- know real polo that we have one ponent of the Aggies in the Sugar of the finest teams in this section Bowl at New Orleans. The style of the country. of the Aggies is fairly simple. How about giving the team a They tackle so hard it hurts clean good build-up and maybe someone up in the stands. Sooner or later will come out Sunday when they the man they tackle is going to meet the Lamesa Club Sunday eve lose the ball and temporarily his ning for the second time. interest in the ball game. The Ag-

Cadets Take Denton Teachers 31 to 29

Game Is 5th Pre-Season Meet of Year

fifth pre-season game Thursday night as they met the Teachers from North Texas State Teachers College in a fray that saw the Cadets trailing 27 to 29 with only ten seconds left to play, but in that time the Cadets rang the basket for four points to win 31 to 29.

A. & M. jumped into an early lead when Jude Smith broke the ice to give the Aggies a 2 to 0 lead. The Cadets led most of the way, but the game dragged slowly until the last minute.

At halftime Coach McQuillan's boys held a 15 to 14 lead.

During the last minute the Ag gies saw they were going to lose the game if they didn't do some thing and do it in a hurry. They had the ball down near the Teachers' basket, but could not put it in. The Teachers then wrestled the ball away from the Aggies and went down to the Aggie end of the court to stall. Only about 15 seconds remained

when J. T. Lang grabbed the ball and headed towards the Teachers' goal. He stopped and crouched go a "peg" that was good for two points and the game was tied up.

The Teachers put the ball back in play, but Bill Henderson stole the ball from one of the bewildered visitors and passed to Tom Tinker, Aggie high-point man for FINAL A. P. POLL HAS CADETS the game, who passed into the goal from the "40 yard line" to win the game just as the gun fired, ending what was otherwise a listless

Woody Counts of NTSTC was high man with 11 points and Tinker was the leading Cadet point-maker with nine, being followed by Henderson with eight.

LONGHORNS, RED RAIDERS IN CAGE **MEET TONIGHT**

The Texas Longhorns, defending basketball champions of the Southwest Conference, receive their first critical test of the practice season this Friday and Saturday at Austin when they meet the Red Raiders from Texas Tech.

In their opener with Sam Hous ton Teachers of Huntsville, the Steers came out on the long end of about 50 players to make the jaunt, a 57-37 score. They then took Also making the trip will be the Southwest Texas to the tune of Aggies' famous 210-piece Band. 52-28, with reserves playing the second half.

to be on hand. Even ole Reveille, Chester Granville, and Denton reading in a scrap-book:

A pound of feathers weighs more than a pound of gold.

of students to go to the Sugar give it to Kimbrough to carry for a Bowl for such an important game touchdown." . . . How about this idea . . . the two conferences backing at all, more students than Southwest and Southern, should a mere 1,500 should be in the make some kind of agreement stands to yell for the team. Come whereby the winners of each conon boys, let's get to New Orleans ference meet each other in the New Year's Day; don't let the team Sugar Bowl. This would assure down now. They will be needing each conference winner a bowl that "extra something" when they game and would give the fans in play Tulane "and that extra some- this part of the country a chance thing" can be supplied only by to see the best teams in this section play . . . Looking over the statistics of the conference football play we see that Arkansas, the broken eardrum in the game with passed this year . . . Opposing Texas, will be in top shape for the teams threw passes that collect-Sugar Bowl game . . . The foot- ed 774 yards while Arkansas had

. Here is a clipping that was prised each time at the number of

Aggies Nosed Sam Houston State Teachers Figure They're Top Team

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TO TRAIN FOR NEW YEAR'S DAY GAME

as the Aggie football team returned to training in preparation grind and remain here until a few for the New Year's Day Classic. days before the game.

The whole squad returned in New uniforms are in store for ton seemed well pleased at the game. look of things. There is a lot in New Orleans is preparing for plays it. They're rough and play the great bowl games of the nation constant power.

practice daily. Then each man will bowl game of the day.

Once more the thud of leather head for home to spend Christmas on leather and of bone on bone with his family. After their brief was heard on Kyle Field yesterday visits at home, the boys return to College Station to continue their

good shape and Coach Homer Nor- the team and will be used in the

store for the Aggies as the Tu- the day as well as the 70,000 lane Green Wave plays the game people who plan to attend. Here-tosimilar to the way the cadet team fore the game has been just one of but this time, with two teams that From now until two days be- most authorities rate high on the fore Christmas the squad will list, it is standing as the greatest

Basketball at A. & M. Has Been The **Neglected Sport; Improvements Needed**

After watching the Texas Aggie basketball teams for the past four years we've reached the point where something must be done for this sport. If you have followed basketball at Aggieland for the past years you too will agree that basketball in A. & M. has beer slightly neglected insofar as material is concerned. For a sport that attracts as many as 5,000 fans (there were even more at the Aggie-Steer game last year) one can scarcely overlook the need and necessity of material. Teams that played here last year, who are the visiting team, even have more players in uniform than the Aggies. This year the Aggie bench has but dine men.

Coach McQuillan has done his best with what he has. He should be congratulated on the way he has whipped into what looks like a conference team the material he has had. Coach Ralph Wolf, of Baylor, last year came over to Coach Hub after the Aggie-Baylor game and shook Coach McQuillan's hand and told him that he has done wonders with what he had out for basketball and should be commended on the way he coached the boys.

As far as Aggie victories go we'd like to quote an A. & M. of-The starting line-up will prob- ficial's hope for future Aggie making it possible for the Band ably include Moers, Spears, Hull, teams that we ran across while

"I hope that I can live to see the day when any athletic team representing Texas A. & M. will be the most feared team on the schedule of the rest of the teams in the conference. I hope that I can live to see that minute when an Aggie team steps on a gridiron, the very sight of them will cause their opponents to feel slightly licked before the contest has even started. The Texas A. & M. teams will be the "dreaded" teams that others must face. Take our basketball team for instance. Why can't we be the ones to cause the other teams to have fear for? Why must we continue to be the "stepson" in basketball?

Basketball at A. & M. has been neglected and for the past several years has been the stepson of A. & M. athletics. The thing that one should think about is that there are other athletic teams representing A. & M. Perhaps the college official who made the above statement should take his dream to

Waco, Texas, Dec. 16.—Baylor aration. University continued a record enrollment year by registering 2,150 students last week for the winter over the same period last year. ter.

INTRAMURAL . HIGHLIGHTS

By HUB JOHNSON

Engineers moved into the win column Thursday evening by claiming a booth in the final match for the tennis crown. Guy, Oswalt, Curry, and Nolen were the winners as the 'bridge builders' turned back the 3rd Hq. Field Artillery in two matches.

matches. The Field team is de- ber 18. termined to take it again and have the same team as of last year with the exception of V. C. Denton who lettered on the varsity squad.

B Infantry closed out to C Engineers 3 to 0 in three games of fast handball. Muse, Cloninger, Mc-Culloch, Timm, McKee, and Gray were the men composing the win-

The 2nd Combat Train Field was matched against D Coast in water polo and was playing the best game. With one point marked up for the Coast team, Womble forced the goalie of the opponents From then on it was tigher than a stern necessity. ever and Goalie Sorelle for the Field boys was getting a good going over. On one misplay he drew back to pass to mid-pool and accidently touched the goal for the Coast team. The final score, 2 to 1, with Coast in the lead.

Class B swimming meet is scheduled for 3 o'clock this evening with teams due to report at 2:30 for organization. The preliminaries should prove a bit interesting, in fact, as much so as the finals which come off tomorrow at the same

Entry cards for Class B table tennis, or ping-pong if you so choose to call it, have been called for by December 18. It seems as though the program will be pretty crowded on the return to classes next year. Speedball is scheduled to start right away, the fish start ping pong, the football playoffs will be in order, handball will still be the speed game, and the Class A swimming meet will be in prep-

The Washington Monument, which is 555.5 feet high, is one-half term of school, an increase of 60 inch taller in summer than in win-

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hard fought game of polo Friday ance. afternoon on Jackson Field by a superior Lamesa team.

The game went rather slowly in the first half, with only one score being made and this during the second period when Woodward put one through for Lamesa on a pen-

Fast riding and hard hitting a plenty came in the fourth period when Spencer Barron pushed one out of a goal post scramble to tally for the visitors. The most spectacular play of the afternoon followed when Sid McDonald brought one all the way down the field to mark one up for the Aggies. Maloney accounted for the second Cadet score of the period when he lifted the ball out of a corner of the field and rolled it between the flags.

During the fifth period both teams made one goal. Williams better than the Aggies (think of for the Aggies and White for that), they would be 30 points bet-Lamesa. Gus White's penalty shot and goal in the sixth period made to 0 defeat by A. & M. Rice lost him the high point man of the to Vanderbilt 14 to 12, leaving the game with a total of four tallies.

Officials for the game were: Umpire, Jack Hays (Calif.); Referee, Maj. Wing (Army).

A. & M. Points Lamesa Points
Maloney, Carl 1 Woodward, A. C. 0
Jones, Asas 0 Barron, Eri 0
McDonald, Sid 1 Barron, S. 1
Williams, T. A. 1 White, Gus 5

HOUSTON A. & M. CLUB ENTERTAINS AGGIE TEAM 18TH

Players and coaches of the championship Aggie football team will be guests of the Houston A. In a quarter final game A Field & M. Club at a dinner dance to Artillery, last year's champs, down- be staged at the Rice Hotel in ed Headquarters Cavalry in three Houston on the evening of Decem-

The Houston Post "Most Valuable" trophy will be awarded and presented at the banquet. A floor show will be given and dancing enjoyed after the snappy program which the Houston Club declares will be brief. Members of the football squad and their coaches will be introduced and Homer Norton will speak.

Visitors from many South Texas points are expected to be present for the party, as well as representatives from other Texas cities and other A. & M. clubs.

Style predictions from a college columnist: This winter the fashagainst the bank to tie the score. ionable co-ed will find the bustle

How about this? Students of Sam Houston State Teachers College are yelling because they have the last few minutes of play in a season bowl game of great importnot been asked to play in a post-

> teachers, it all came about at the idea of Albert Reese of the Galveston Daily News. Of course it's done by compara-

As told by one of the future

tive scores but still it seems strange.

Sam Houston beat Rice 9 to 8. Rice tied Arkansas 12 to 12, making the teachers' team a point better than the Razorbacks. Arkansas defeated S. M. U. 14 to 0, so the Bearkats are 15 points better than the Ponies. Since S. M. U. lost to the Aggies by 6 to 2, they say Sam Hosuton is 11 points better than A. & M.

And if you argue with them about who is the No. 1 team of the nation, they'll come out with another flow of teams and numbers. This one is over Tennessee

If Sam Houston was 11 points ter than the Owls, due to the 19 Bearkats 28 points better than the Commodores. Tennessee covered Vanderbilt 13 to 0 making Sam Houston 15 points better than the unscored-on Volunteers.

Sam Houston has sure improved on paper since they were defeated by the North Texas Teachers. At least they were asked to the Celery Bowl in Louisiana but turned down

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