

Texas A & I Brings Improved Team To A & M



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Champions Can Repeat! But SMU Looms As The Team We Have To Beat

This opens another new year and already many have stuck their necks out to rest under the swing of the old conference ax. Now yours truly takes his place on the proverbial limb and calls off how they look to him.

Jess Neeley will be the door opener to the cellar with the Rice Owls flying in. They won't go in as bad as they did last year however, but it does take a few games to forget. Jimmy Kitts led the Owls to a championship his first year at Rice and Dana X. Bible did the same here but such a miracle seems out of the question for this year.

Putting it over on the Owls and probably finishing a step ahead will be the Arkansas Razorbacks or the Texas Christian Hornfrogs. The "great" hornfrog team left nothing at graduation as was shown last year and Dutch Meyer himself will need more than just a year to rebuild such a team as that of '38. The Razorbacks could even creep up a bit further but they stand in much the same way as T. C. U. for they were hard hit at graduation last year. The Ozarks always furnish some good ball players and Arkansas will be strong but will lack that certain something as of last year when by the records they won the larger majority of their games. But by the scoreboard they were all ways the under pups.

Baylor University and Texas University will have a tussle for the team to go in the upper bracket.

Larger Battalion Sports Staff; Sarge Carrol Takes Leave of A. & M.

This year assisting on the sports page will be Bob Myers of Harlingen from Field Artillery as Assistant Sports Editor. He wrote a good bit last year and handled the intramural column the second semester.

Jack Hollimon now from Houston and formerly of Thomas Jefferson, San Antonio, and Charlie Babcock of Beaumont will fill out the staff with Martin Howard adding a word now and then.

Stars of the College Football Teams Sign With Pros For the Coming Season

Throughout the summer the great Kevatwitch has signed a contract with the Zulchville Leopards. Here are a few from the country over.

"Cotton" Price and "Whizzer" White will combine their powers and skill by joining the Detroit Lions. In 1938 White played with the Pittsburg Pirate eleven and last year studied at Oxford on a

et. Dana Bible's plan will start to show results but won't quite make the grade. In saying his plan will start to pay off is meant for his sake it had better. Baylor on the other hand is always the dark horse of the conference and always credited with spilling a high riding team but at the same time lacking the vim and vigor to finish strong.

Southern Methodist will be the team to beat. They have a strong reserve and as many returning squadmen as have the cadets. Last year they ran for a tie for second place and came the closest to stopping the Aggies in the conference.

If the field is muddy again this year, many a fan will pull all his hair out of his head or catch another case of pneumonia.

The Aggies have the hard rode to ride. They meet the Bears, Ponies and Longhorns on foreign soil and these will be the three majors of the year. Injuries play an awful role in the same game and may strike at any time. Arkansas came close to beating the cadets here on Kyle Field year before last. The feathered flock from Rice must be given credit for a couple of games and who knows the breaks might be set that way. The Texas Aggies will come in between two of the teams mentioned or on one of the ends. That's about the best way to put it at this time. At any rate "Champions can repeat!"

"It's the finish that makes the champion." With these words his everlasting philosophy Sarge Carrol served as manager of athletic equipment for 13 years. In his first year, 1927, under Bible the Aggies brought home the bacon and ever since then he looked forward to a repetition of the event. Last year was the year and Sarge Carrol with many a strange story he could tell takes his leave of

Rhodes Scholarship. Price joins the National Football League team at an unclosed figure, but one which is expected to be around \$2,500.

Young Bussey who thrilled the Houston fans during his high school career at San Jacinto and yet at the same time gave officials many a worry and who later sparked the Louisiana State Uni-

McCallum Is Javelina Grid Mentor

Javelinas Open Schedule Monday Playing San Jose

Coach Bud McCallum will bring his Texas A. & I. Javelinas here Saturday, September 28, to open the Aggie grid season and to put another game behind them before they begin their march for their twelfth Alamo Conference Championship.

These two teams have met many times before and in 1934 the Javelinas rode the Aggies play for play and finished with a tie at the end of the final quarter.

Sixteen lettermen returned early this season to prepare for their strenuous ride and seven lettermen from St. Edwards, Austin, joined their ranks when their school voted to discontinue football at the close of last year.

Among the four backs who transferred is Leonard Haustentab who will carry most of the weight in the passing attack.

Sacks Mattingly, 195 pound back who spent his freshman year at Rice, will do the hard running and the punting.

The Javelinas opened their season Monday, September 16, against San Jose in California. These two teams played a close game of 9 to 0 last year with the Texas team falling on the lower side. Last year the San Jose team was the high scoring team of the nation, marking up 324 points.

Victory over teams backed by larger schools mean much to the teams of the smaller conferences and in such games the under pups play their hardest. Long will the Southwest Conference remember such a win by Sam Houston State Teachers College over Rice Institute and there are a good number of Aggies who haven't forgotten the tie game of 1934.

University, signed with the Chicago Bears for the coming season. Team mate Ken Kavanaugh also joined the Bears after the All-Star-Green Bay Packer game.

George Cafego, "Bad News" to the fans of the nation, was traded by the Chicago Cardinals to the Brooklyn Dodgers for a pair of Notre Dame stars.

The old team of Patterson to Boyd which so long was reported by the Baylor Bears will be renewed this season as Billy and Sam both sign with the Pittsburgh Steelers.

It seems that Southwest football changes things throughout the country. Kay Eakin who is now among the ranks of the New York Giants will change the game from the old rough 'em and roll 'em to the fast and high moving type.

Coach Homer Norton



A. & M. Football Team Needs To Be 25% Better If They Repeat - - Norton

Last March the annual spring practice was cut one day short by an unscheduled norther which swept through the Brazos bottoms and dropped the mercury to below freezing. Coach Norton called the squad together for a short talk in DeWare Field House and told them they will have to be 15 to 25 per cent better than they were in 1939 if they have hopes of breaking the Southwest Conference tradition that the champions do not repeat.

He promised them no 1940 championship but left it entirely up to the players to work toward that aim if they want to be on top again.

"I want you all to keep yourselves in good physical shape, get in some good licks on your studies, work at good hard work this summer and come back here the first Tuesday in September in the same kind of physical shape the team did last season and then we will see what can be done about that 1940 schedule," Norton told them.

He pointed out some of the weaknesses which have shown up during the training season and advised the players to give some thought to correcting the errors before they pull on football togs next fall. "None of the mistakes you made is so serious but what all can be corrected and I am sure they will be ironed out before we play Texas A. & I. next September."

Back in his office in the shadows of the Kyle Field Stadium, Norton took time to size up the prospects for 1940 at more length.

25% STRONGER

Question—"Do you really believe that the Aggies will have to be 15 to 25 per cent stronger than 1939 to repeat?"

Norton—"I certainly do. S. M. U., Baylor, and Texas are all going to be stronger than they were last year and just remember that we have to play those three teams on their home fields. You don't have to ask me about our chances of beating Texas in Austin, just look at the records."

Question—"Do you think the fame that came to the Aggies this year will have any effect on their play next year?"

Norton—"No I don't think so. Those boys are a fine bunch and I haven't seen any swelled heads among the whole lot of them. They seem to play to win for the fun of it and are not much concerned with what is said of them in the newspapers. Would you believe it

Norton Holds School For Coaches In August With Record Attendance

The annual Texas A. & M. free-backfire on him in his gridiron coaching school was held during jaunts this fall.

the month of August and a record attendance of 152 coaches and students made it one of the outstanding coaching schools of the year.

Football was the main course with the Aggie coaches Homer Norton and Marty Karow, "Siki" Sikes of the University of Georgia, "Puny" Wilson of Sam Houston State Teachers College, and J. G. Keys, of Lubbock High, leading the discussions. The school was run informal with round table talks being made most of the day.

Wilson, the coach who took a teachers college team to a victory over the favored Rice Owls in 1939, was a major contributor to the conferences, but he was hesitant to reveal any of the plays that upset the Southwest Conference team. He was afraid they might

Coaches Norton and Karow discussed football from the Aggie style which permits plays run from the double wing and box formations. Norton dealt with the team as a whole while Karow spoke mainly on the duties of the backs.

"Hub" McQuilla, Texas A. & M. basketball coach, took over the cage work, while Trainer "Lill" Dimmit gave exhibitions on first aid and the treatment and prevention of injuries.

Dough Rollins, Aggie track coach, gave his views on the cinder sport with Karow taking one period to talk over baseball.

After the close of the Aggie school Coach Norton boarded a train for New York where he conducted a school at the World's Fair.



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