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Aggies To Turn Back Ponies To Tighten Their Grip on Southwest Conference Flag

With Southern Methodist one of their Southwest Conference schedule and Texas A. & M. three deep, the league championship should be determined this afternoon at Ownby Stadium.

The Mustangs are capable of spilling the beans but trickery and breaks will have to go their way. A. & M. has three leading ground gainers in the top fifteen of the conference, Pugh, Conatser, and Kimbrough while the Methodist have but one,

Pugh holds the top place in passing with an average of .554 Malouf with .476 and Clement having a .426 average, assure the Ponies of a potent aerial attack.

It all boils down to the fact that, today the greatest football of the Southwest Conference for the year will be seen in Dallas, with the Mustangs trying hard to stop the roll of the fighting Aggies.

If the field is muddy, another treacherous contest can be expected. If it is dry, both teams will be put at full strength to fight it out until the final gun.


We're sticking with the Aggies and calling it close, 17 to 14.

Kimbrough Paced for Honors by Stanford Fullback; Notes From Here and There

Out on the Pacific Coast a Stanford Indian, Norman Standlee, is being set up as the one to knock the Aggies' Big John Kimbrough off the mythical teams of the nation.

U. C. L. A. Coach, Babe Horrell, is high in his praises of the Stanford fullback, John Kimbrough.

Coach Benefield of Tulsa could say nothing of the Aggies except that they were everything they had been built up to be.



John Kimbrough

James Witt of the Bears will probably be on the side line at today's Texas-Baylor game. He left the Aggies game with an injury to his right shoulder and failed to make the go in last Saturday's contest with the Horned Frogs.

Coach Hub McQuilnan's fish will do battle with the young Owls

Aggies Meet SMU Today In Dallas

Jinxes Face U. of Texas In Baylor Tilt Today

Recent football misfortunes of the Texas Longhorns left them with a long list of "haven't-since-when" assignments, and Saturday's opponents—the Baylor Bears—are not left out.

Texas hadn't beaten Rice at Houston and S.M.U. at Austin since '32, and after games of the last two week-ends those jinxes still stand. Now comes another foe, Baylor, which hasn't been defeated at Austin since '34, and Coach Dana Bible is hoping the Longhorns will crash through this time.

Neither team is going anywhere in the Southwest conference race, Texas having dropped two of its three starts and Baylor having lost three in a row. Baylor's most impressive conference showing has been a 7-14 game with Texas A. & M., while Texas looked its best in defeating Arkansas 21-0 and losing to S.M.U. 13-21.

Clyde Littlefield, Texas scout, brought back particularly favorable reports on Jack Russell, Baylor's giant sophomore end; Jack Anderson, huge left tackle; Don Haley, hefty guard who plays the left side on defense, and Robert Nelson, Baylor's all-America center candidate who backs the line on that side. This formidable array will block the path of Cowboy Jack Crain, whose favorite plays attack the enemy's left flank, and so it looks like another difficult Saturday for the Texas star against whom every team has concentrated its defensive forces this year.

Another Bible worry was the Texas left end, until now occupied by Mike Sweeney who fractured his ankle in the S.M.U. game. Preston Flannigan, Charles Richardson, Wally Scott and Jack Seale were being tried there this week. Sweeney's loss hurts Texas, for the others are relatively inexperienced players.

Saturday is "Band Day", and some 45 high school bands will be guests at the game.

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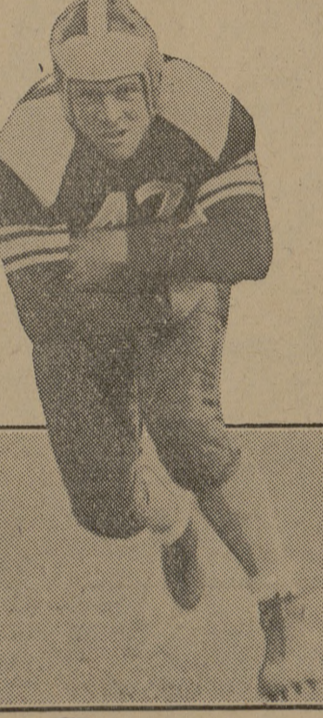
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Lineup of Aggies Features Rough and Tough Gridders

By Jack Hollimon

Texas A. & M. will send a crew of rough and tough football gridgers against the S.M.U. Mustangs in Ownby Stadium at Dallas this afternoon and everyone of them is pointing for either conference or national recognition. All-American John Kimbrough will lead Jim Thomason, Ernie Pannell, and Marshall Robnett toward fame and glory today when they make their bid for the numerous All-American teams nominated each season throughout the country.

Thomason, the rugged blocker



A. & M. Polo Team Holds High Rank In Nation's Teams

Texas A. & M. is noted for excellent horsemen. The Texas Aggie Polo team, made up of A. & M. students, is not just another club, but one of the ranking polo aggregations of the country. Such opponents as N.M.M.I., Lampases, Oklahoma University, Oklahoma Military Academy, and the San Antonio Polo Tourney are just a few of the top-flight teams A. & M.'s mallet swingers tackle every year.

Recognized as a minor sport at A. & M., the Aggies have captured one tilt against Lampases and dropped a joust with N.M.M.I. under the captaincy of Sid McDonald of Bandera.

Major E. M. Burnett, Cavalry, U. S. Army, devotes his spare time and veteran polo ability in the instruction and coaching of the club. Horses are furnished by the cavalry and mounted field artillery units and equipment is taken care of by members and coaching staff.

High goal man for the young season is San Antonian Bill Broad, holding a two-goal lead over several of the other players. Braid, along with Captain McDonald, is the spark that makes A. & M.'s own polo team an outstanding contestant in any tourney.

"Cowboy" Carl Maloney, a Goliad product, is another Aggie poloist who turns in stellar play with his accurate mallet and experienced horsemanship.


but have failed to hit on the road.

Two weeks ago the Hurricane swept over the "cow town" eleven with the similar score they set over Detroit. This will be a hard fought game with the Detroiters on the rebound and the Horned Frogs after their first foreign win.

Elsewhere in the nation with the big games Notre Dame after their battle with the Army last week sinks the Navy, Stanford goes over Washington, Tom Harmon leads Michigan over Minnesota, Auburn gets the call over Clemson, Alabama over Tulane, and U. C. L. A. should take their first from Oregon.

Fred Thomsen sent letters of thanks to the Aggie coaches and yell leaders on behalf of the Arkansas Razorbacks for the sportsmanlike manner in which they were received.

He stated that the corps cooperated perfectly with the yell leaders in holding back the yelling while signals were being called.



Dick Ford

for the talley.

Other teams of the league will do battle to protect what records they have left now that the Aggies have taken three, the Mustangs one and the Owls their one over Texas.

To Waco go the Longhorns to take on the Baylor Bears, three times losers in conference play. The Bears have played two hard games, those against the Aggies and the Horned Frogs but have failed to show that power needed in crucial moments.

Texas should take this one with their first win on the home grounds against the Bears in six years.

It goes down as Texas, 13 to 7.

Arkansas, the book-keeper who has written in red on the records of two undefeated teams, Old Miss and Baylor, is host to the Rice Owls up in the Ozark Mountains.

Rice boasted a great team after their pre-conference records and then slipped up on Texas, but against "little" A. & I. they failed to show their gleaming feathers.

It's Arkansas 21 to 13 over the Owls.

Kyle Gillespie and the T. C. U. Horned Frogs tackle Detroit, who were unbeaten until last week when the fell 7 to 0 to Tulsa. The Frogs have taken all of their home games

Game May Decide Winner Southwest Conference Flag

Wet Field Means Continuation of '39 Game; History Gives SMU 10-9 Edge Over Nortonmen

By Hub Johnson
Battalion Sports Editor

This afternoon at Ownby Stadium two teams will take to Armstrong Field to do battle, two teams—undoubtedly the top two teams of the Southwest Conference.

The Texas Aggies have traveled a long, hard row meeting highly spirited teams for seventeen straight games.

Matty Bell's Southern Methodist Mustangs have left behind them a record of nine undefeated games, one of which went down as a tie.

Opening against the Sooner Aggies last year, the cadets set out on their long trip that carried them to the top where fame and honors awaited, but where also was to come the hard games against teams fired up to spill the load—teams that would consider a win over the cadets a record accountable for the whole season.

After threatening the Aggies with a close 6 to 2 score on a rain soaked field last year, and dropping a 14 to 0 game to the Arkansas Razorbacks, the Mustangs changed their play and once more became the stubborn gridmen from "Hill Top."

This season they have fought with many of the great teams of the nation to test their defense and show their equally balanced running and passing attacks.

S.M.U.'s Undefeated Slate

On the Pacific Coast they won over the U. C. L. A. Bruins by a field goal. They tied Pitt in the last quarter on Ray Malouf's long pass to Bill Thomas, though the books showed a decisive victory for the Panthers. Against Auburn Presto Johnson ran 92 yards on a punt return for the winning touchdown and then kicked the goal for the extra point. With these behind,

Two years ago the farmers ran wide and hit hard, only to hold a 7 to 7 tie with the Ponies late in the final quarter. Then from the bench came that kid named Joe—Joe Pasqua, to boot a perfect field goal for the winning three points; S.M.U. 10, A. & M. 7.

Jarrin' John vs Presto

Jarrin' John Kimbrough will carry his threats to the field to better his record as in last year's Mustang mud waller. In the last six games, he has taken on more duties of blocking and leading interference, leaving Marion Pugh and Jim Thomason to carry the skin. Hard blocking and tackling along with his pass interceptions and punt returns have increased his qualifications for All-American honors once more.

For the Mustangs, Presto Johnson will lead the way, determined to change about the results of the '39 memorable fight. His constant line plugging, long distance punting, and accurate placements have set him off as a "marked man" of the conference.

Supporting the Newcastle fullback, will be Ray Malouf and Johnnie Clement doing the heavy passing, Will Mullenweg taking the blocking assignment, Dick Miller in the quarterback slot and threatening the open field, with E. L. Keeton receiving at one end, and Joe Pasqua fighting hard in the line and awaiting the call to beat out the Aggies again with another field goal.

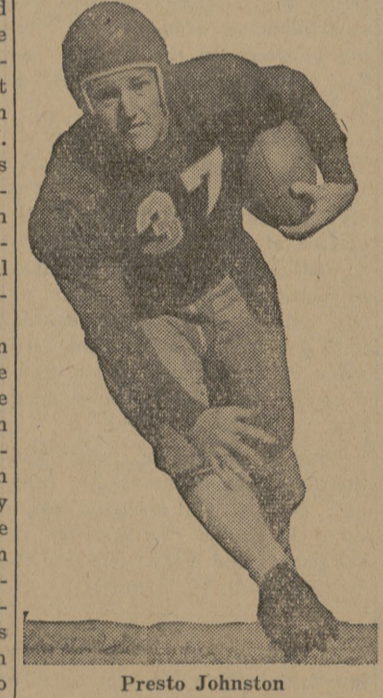
Wearing the maroon and white and fighting for the eighteenth win will be the same Marion Pugh calling them on the offense, slinging them far and wide, and hitting the line now and then for needed yards; Bill Conatser, dancing on the punt returns and covering close the path attack; Jim Thomason, the path maker of the heavy force; Derace Moser, and Marland Jeffrey taking time behind the line to give the Ponies a bit of trouble.

On the line, guards, tackles, centers and ends will make their bids for the mythical teams. Marshall Robnett will play hard along with his running mate, Charlie Henke. Ernie Pannell and Chip Routt will face the strong Pony wall to make way for the power behind the line. Boots Simmons, Jim Sterling, Dog Dawson and Bill Henderson all will make their play at ends, each with his own type of outstanding ball. Tommie Vaughn and O'Dell Herman take the center post and with it the duty of calling the defensive walls.

The three outstanding games of the nation today are the Aggie-Pony tilt, the Minnesota-Michigan game for the lead of the Western Conference, and the Stanford-Washington fray on the Pacific Coast; yet the some 25,000 fans who will fill the stands at Ownby Stadium will forget the other two and witness the hardest fought game since the similar contest of last year.

Probable starting lineup:

A. & M.	Pos.	S. M. U.
Sterling	L.E.	Keeton
Pannell	L.T.	Harris
Robnett	L.G.	Simms
Vaughn	C	Pope
Henke	R.G.	Fawcett
Routt	R.T.	Pasqua
Dawson	R.E.	Tunnell
Pugh	Q.B.	Miller
Conatser	H.B.	Clement
Thomason	H.B.	Mullenweg
Kimbrough	F. B.	Johnson



the Ponies took a week rest.

Last Saturday, the Ponies ran and passed the Texas Longhorns into oblivion. Suffering from a surprise loss the week before at the hands of the Rice Owls, the Texas eleven couldn't find the right combination to throw against the stampeding Mustangs. The first half went scoreless, but the last period saw the Methodists forge ahead 21 to 13.

Aggies Have None Unturned

Opening with the Texas A. & I. Javelinas, a team called "little" at the open of the grid year, but later termed dangerous by all coaches who sent units against them, the Aggies were once more on the treacherous grind.

After steady pounding and hard line playing, the Tulsa Hurricane gave way to the Nortonmen in San Antonio, and Jack Robinson failed to show for the Bruins in the Aggies' test of the season in California.

Texas Christian threw a screwy defense on Kyle Field to try in vain to stop the blitzkrieg. At times an eight-man line faced the cadets and then the defense drifted into a 5-2-2-2, with the backfield in "Z" formation.

Baylor, inspired by a great homecoming celebration and playing the greatest game of their '40 season to date, threw up a brick wall time and again but the heavy side went to the College Station boys, 14 to 7.

Last week the Arkansas Razorbacks fought long and hard to be the ones to cause the sounding of Taps on Kyle Field, and once more a Southwest team went down under the roll.

Victor Takes Flag

Today has been set aside in the league as the day on which the 1940 champion will probably be determined.

Sport scribes and mentors the country over have focused their eyes on Dallas, on Armstrong Field, on the determined Mustangs, on the fighting Aggies.

The two teams first met in 1916 and since then have played 22 contests. The Mustangs have claimed 10, the Aggies 9, three ending in ties.

The first tilt fell to the cadets 63 to 0, but since then, they have won only two games in the even years. In 1920 they won, 3 to 0, and in 1936 they came home vic-

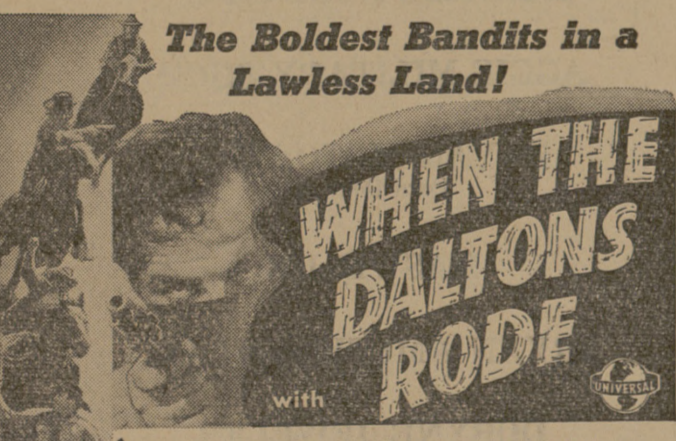
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