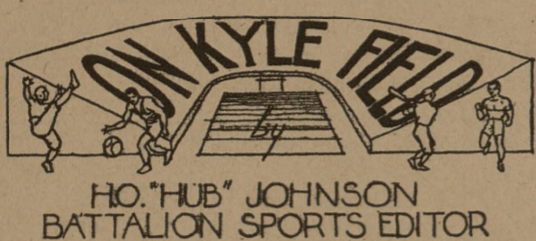


Aggies Down Fighting Fordham Rams 13-12



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Kimbrough and Pugh Head Shearing Party As Aggies Defeat Rams in Cotton Bowl Game

Aggie 13-Fordham 12. Another one point win in a bowl game. That is the short story of the Cotton Bowl Game played in Dallas last Wednesday.

Down in New Orleans the first day of 1940 Cotton Price playing one of his greatest games for the Aggies smartly booted the pigskin through the uprights and damned the Wave 14 to 13.

In Dallas this week Dookie Pugh took the role and returned to the gridiron to chalk up the one point that appeared very small for the last twenty minutes of the contest.

Many a fan left the bowl a little disappointed because the Aggies hadn't disgraced the Fordham Rams. They were expecting to witness a killing and the Ram refused to go down.

Two weeks ago the Aggies were heavy favorites in the dated game of the Southwest. Then two days before the starting whistle, the Eastern squad took a jump to the top brackets. Many even took the Rams and gave some points.

The Aggies won the game. On paper it appears that they were outplayed. The whole first half the Nortonmen were carefully taking in the play of the Rams and then in the third quarter turned loose their lightning attack.

It was a hard fought game. Many elbows could be seen flying wide and a bit of roughing was evident from the line plunges.

John Kimbrough gave the fans their money's worth even if they bought their ticket from a scalper for a buck or less. Time and time again he carried three or four Fordham players a few extra three yards.

Chipp Routh and Charlie Henke turned in great games on the line.

Jim Sterling and Bill Henderson stood up on the ends in regular fashion. Jim blocked the first Ram try for conversion.

Tommie Vaughn and Odell Herman called some good signals on the defensive and sparked the attack for the Aggies.

Ernie Panell and Marshall Robnett played hard ball in the line. They retired from the game and Aggie play in the fourth quarter.

In the backfield Jim Thomason continued to block his sixty minutes and picked up ten yards on his lone carry. Bama Smith, Bill Conatser, and Derace Moser turned in great ball with the other three.

\$47,700 is reported as the Aggie part of the gate. Fordham carried off some \$52,700. The Southwest Conference Association receives \$5,000 for expenses. Lou De Philippe was treated in a Dallas hospital for an injured neck Wednesday night. Rice carried their basketball winning streak far into the East until falling to the Long Island University five. The Tennessee Volunteers dropped another bowl game, this

Game Was The Last For Many Seniors

Injury List Shows Game Was Hard Fought Contest

Closing many great football careers and two seasons of record breaking ball for a southwest conference team, the Texas Aggies Wednesday turned back the Fordham Rams, 13 to 12, in the fifth annual Cotton Bowl classic.

Throughout the first half of the game the Aggies were playing defensive ball and were forced to play hard to stop the attack of the Rams. With floating passes, the Eastern team threatened large gains time and again.

Late in the second quarter the Rams worked their way deep into Aggie territory and when passes failed to click, the old statue of liberty play was called on for the try. Noble took the hand off and raced far around his left end and down the side line. Conatser charged over from out of nowhere and threw a block on Noble that will long be remembered by those sitting close to the play.

On the next play Filppowicz broke off tackle for the first score. Sterling charged in fast to block the try for conversion.

Half Ends 6 to 0

Thus the half ended, Fordham 6, Aggies 0.

In the stands there was talk of the Aggies going down again. The feeling tended to be similar to that which filled the stands late in the Texas game.

Could they come back after a showing?

No sooner had the second half begun than the answer to this question appeared.

Fordham again, as at the start of the game kicked out of bounds.

On the second play of the game, Earl Smith, the hide out expert of the '39 Longhorn defeat, appeared far down the field in the wide open spaces. Running at his top speed of 9.6 he gathered in Pugh's pass and crossed the pay off line standing up.

The Aggies had once again returned to the style of play they were known for.

Pugh's try for the extra point was wide.

Kimbrough Scores Final

Five minutes later the Aggies found themselves with the chips stacking high once more. A slugging penalty gave the cadets the ball on the Fordham one yard line. John Kimbrough took the call and the ball. Running hard and fast, he faded at tackle and then cut around end to go over standing up. Had he hit the line, three of the Rams would have gone over with him for he ran with such power and determination that seemed to tell the final story all in the one drive.

Pugh converted and the score went up Aggies 13, Fordham 6.

This was the six minute period. This was all the Aggies needed to carry off the ball game.

Early in the fourth quarter the cadets threw up a four yard line stand. Taking over on their own goal line they punted out of danger. Back came the Rams and from

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time to Boston College. . . thus the Sugar Bowl goes East. . . Stanford ran wild in the battle of Roses while the Nebraska Cornhuskers threw up a great game for themselves. . . the Aggie polo team took a tumble down south of the border as they faced some great Mexican teams. . . the swimming team is now on their annual trip, this year to Missouri and Oklahoma. . . Hub McQuillan's cagers drew the strong Sooner Aggies in the Oklahoma City tournament and fell out in the first round. . . \$37,500 is a big lump to look at but it is told that such an amount is up for John Kimbrough if he goes with the New York Yankees, member of the American Professional Football League. . . N.C.A.A. has started a drive to clean up football. . . coaches at the N.C.A.A. meeting picked Nebraska, Tennessee, Fordham, and Georgetown to win the bowl games. . . Paul Lowry and Tinker Taylor will sponsor the first College Station Golden Gloves Tournament late this month. . .

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Cadet Polo Team Runs Into Tough Competition

Major Burnett's Transfer Leaves Team Coachless

By Jack Hollimon

Aggie mallet-swingers found the going rough in their Mexico City journey and dropped three encounters to a collection of the outstanding polo players in Mexico. Extensive travel and the absence of Bill Braid added to the handicaps and A. & M. was unable to hold off the aggregation rating 10 to 15 goals in international polo circles.

The first tilt found the Aggie opponents composed of civilian players from the Anahuac club and the Mexican team stifled A. & M. 10 to 5. Rice scored two of the Aggie goals for team honors.

A selection of military players next opposed the Aggies and their experience and ability gave them a 9 to 1 victory. This game was well-played and A. & M. had an excellent opportunity to match sticks with horsemen of world fame.

Teamwork and fast riding overcame the valiant Aggies in the final game when another quartet mounted under the colors of the Anahuac Club climaxed a victorious series for Mexico by coralling A. & M. 10 to 1.

This third contest ended the A. & M. polo schedule for the holidays and the boys, along with Major E. M. Burnett, toured Mexico City and enjoyed the gala Christmas season atmosphere which was much in display.

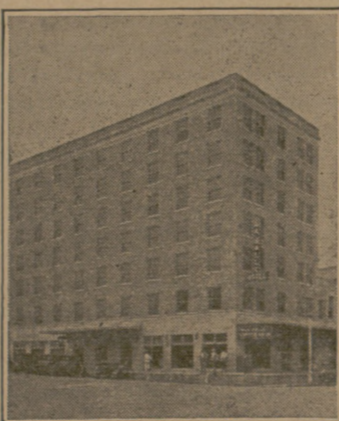
Many gifts and Mexican work came back with the club and of particular note was the buckskin jacket, fringes included, belonging to poloist Lee Rice.

This trip terminates the play under Major Burnett who has been transferred to Fort Riley, Kansas. Because of his tireless patience and effort in behalf of the polo players, Major Burnett has molded the Aggies into one of the top-flight polo foursomes in intercollegiate competition. A. & M. has made much improvement in the game during his stay and numbered among his victories are many of the most talented aggregations available in Mexico and the United States.

A new polo coach has not been named but indications point to Colonel Wing or Captain Elwood taking over Burnett's position on Jackson Field.

The dining hall at Farmville, Va., State Teachers college uses 240 dozen eggs, 525 gallons of milk and 900 pounds of sugar a week.

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A good location for the contests is being sought by the council and Bryan is being considered. College Station is the most favorable and desirable place but if arrangements for the ring cannot be made at the selected date, Bryan will probably get the bid.

Matches at Aggeland will be a tremendous asset to both the school and the participants as it will be the first boxing matches of this type held here and also will draw many of the contestants from the student body who otherwise would find it impossible to enter.

Intramurals

By Bob Myers

The beginning of record rifle firing came to an abrupt end with the early dismissal of school and will be continued until noon Saturday, January 11.

Many high scores were turned in during the tryouts while several men who fired high scores last year showed the need of a little pre-season shooting by dropping to the lower brackets of scoring.

Men who have made their organization team should get down to the range as early as possible to take full advantage of the best possible conditions and fire while the positions are uncrowded and the element of time is practically non-existent.

Monday marks the beginning date for Freshmen who do not have credit for Physical Education to report to the Assembly Hall for their classes. This includes all Freshmen, regardless of the method selected to fulfill the requirements. Fish athletes who are members of squads or any other freshman who has been excused from classes will report to the Assembly Hall at their regular class periods.

Aggies Will Begin Conference Basketball Play Against Rice Jan 11

While the air has been filled with footballs and talk of bowl games during the holidays, quintets all over the country have been getting in shape for the coming basketball season. Now that the outstanding elevens have left the spotlight in a blaze of glory, interest in the collegiate sports world is centering on playing fields of hardwood floor.

Five men from Texas A. & M. will open Southwest Conference play for the Aggies in Houston in January against the Rice Institute. Both teams have completed their warmup games and the Owls clash with the University of Texas Tuesday in Austin to start their conference competition.

In warm up play, the Cadets played eight games to cop three wins and five close losses while the Owls came through with only two losses in a ten game schedule. The only team that both schools played was Sam Houston State Teacher's College. A. & M. won one game with the teachers

and lost one. Rice turned up with the same balance by splitting their pair with the Huntsville team.

Out of the eight matches played by the Aggies, only two saw the services of Captain "Dog" Dawson and star ball handler and player Bill "Jitterbug" Henderson. With these regulars back in the line-up after the close of the football season and the stalwart play of the other five lettermen on hand for the coming game, Rice will be hard pressed to hold the top position that they are in by virtue of their championship team last year.

Like A. & M., the Owls have suffered (Continued on Page 4)

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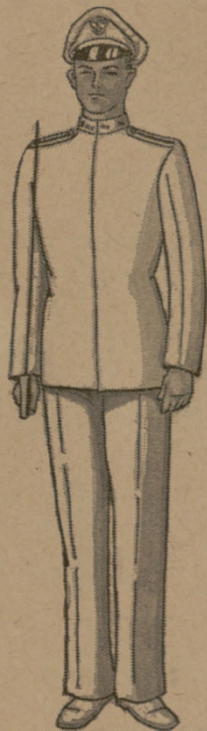
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