

ON KYLE FIELD

With Mike Haikin

Sam Houston Rated Far From "Breathers"; Ags Hold Five-Game Lead in Bearkat Series

The Texas Aggies open their football season Saturday afternoon against a Sam Houston State Teachers' team that is by far the best Bearkat squad the cadets have ever faced. Twenty lettermen comprise Coach Puny Wilson's fine polished team—a team that gave the Lamar Junior College one of its worst beatings in its career last Thursday (the score was 51-6). This same team came through with eight victories out of a ten game schedule last year, losing a couple of heartbreaking 7-6 battles to Denton and Texas A. & I respectively. It is much stronger now, and is considered to be the class of the Lone Star Conference.

However, don't be too pessimistic about the whole affair. The Aggies have something to say about all this. As mentioned before, if they play as they are capable of playing, they should not have much trouble. The above paragraph is written only for those who think that Sam Houston is nothing but a warmup game. The Teachers' game IS NOT A BREATHER. Let's get that into our heads. If the gridsters realize that when game time comes, then the Bearkats will learn how to be GOOD LOSERS!

Sports Squibs From Here and There; Ray Murray, '35, First Aggie Stationed in Iceland

Ray Murray, 35, former football star who is in the Marine Corps, is the first Aggie on the newly acquired base in Iceland. . . . Hub Johnson, former Battalion Sports Editor, will wear wedding bells Friday, October 4 in Houston when he takes Maudine Suggs of the Bayou City for a wife. . . . this makes the second consecutive Batt Sports Editor that has gotten married. . . . hope this isn't a start of one of those jinxes. . . . Gulp. . . . Norman Sper, famous football forecaster, picks Texas University and the Washington Huskies to play in the Rose Bowl game January 1. . . . Seems to us Mr. Sper picked the Aggies and Washington to play in California last year, but for some unforeseen circumstance neither showed up. . . . DIDJA KNOW. . . . that Jamie Dawson is the third of the Dawsons to reach over six feet. . . . Big Dog and Dooley were both 6 feet 5 inches. . . . that Dick Todd, former Aggie

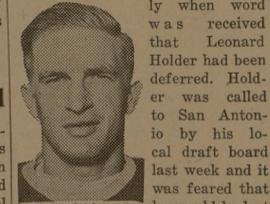
football great and one of the Washington Redskin stars, still holds the world's record for scoring with 318 points. . . . he accomplished that feat in Crowell High School. . . . that the T. C. U. Frogs played 94 conference football games since joining with the Southwest football group in 1923. . . . that Willie Zapalac, Aggie blocking back, in a bi-district game with LaGrange during his senior year in Bellville High kicked off for his team and was down field just fast enough to fall on his own kickoff for a touchdown—not bad for a boy that tips the scales at 200 pounds! . . . that Coach Dutch Meyer's T. C. U. Frogs will travel nearly 8,000 miles in playing six of their 10 games away from home this season. . . . DIDJA KNOW. . . . that Nolan Sparks, senior Frog left half-back is the only man on the T. C. U. squad who will wear the same jersey number that he wore last year. . . .

Aggies Work Hard On Fundamentals For Sam Houston

Holder's Deferment Leaves Center Situation in Much Improved Spot; Sibley OK

The Aggie gridsters continued to show improvement Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons as they went through their regular routine practices on a slippery, muddy field. Particularly outstanding was the passing of the wet and muddy ball by Derace Moser and Leo Daniels. Webster and Zapalac in place kicking were consistently placing the ball between the uprights.

Holder Deferred
The problem over the center situation was brightened considerably when word was received that Leonard Holder had been deferred. Holder was called to San Antonio by his local draft board last week and it was feared that he would be lost for the rest of the season. Dub Sibley also returned to regular practice Monday but as yet he has not taken part in any hard work or scrimmages. He will be ready to go against the Bearkats Saturday.



Wesson, Moser and Daniels were averaging 45 yards on their punts against the wind with the wet ball. Daniels and Moser likewise showed great improvement in their passing as they kept hitting their receivers when among three and four defenders.

Snatch Long Ones
Henderson and Simmons showed up well as pass receivers as they snatched the long ones the easy way. Defensively the entire line showed much improvement.

The boys practiced some of the plays and put the finishing touches on them in preparation for the Sam Houston game. Against the Fish team the blocking and passing looked much better than last week.

The backfield combination of Moser, Spivey, Zapalac, and Daniels showed fine skill in running their spinners. They were unbelievably fast and extremely deceptive.

Norton Pleased
Coach Norton in speaking of last Saturday's game with the Fish said he was well satisfied with the showing the boys made considering the amount of time they had put in on practice. He also added that they needed lots more work to iron out the rough spots, especially in blocking.

In speaking of Leo Daniels, Coach Norton remarked that he played an exceptionally good game Saturday and that he had great possibilities.

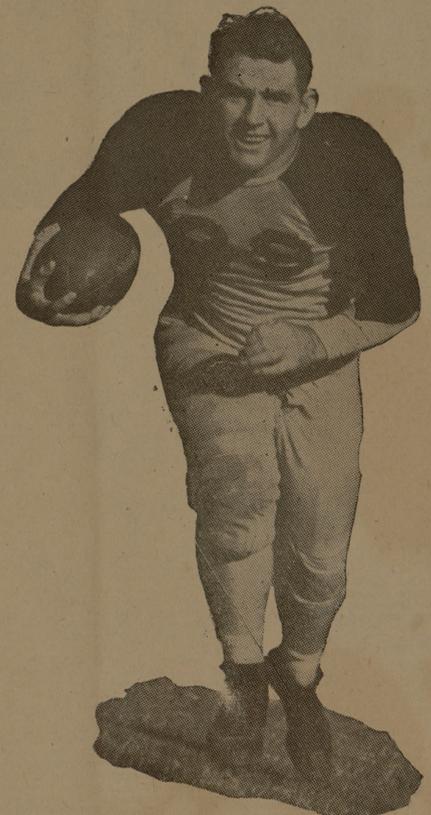
Texas has seven State Teachers Colleges and a State College for Negroes.

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This Bearkat Means Business



Captain Nolan Didly

INTRAMURALS

By DUB OXFORD

This afternoon at 5:00 p. m. on the west side of Kyle Field there will be a discussion of the rules of touch football. All freshmen attending this meeting will receive credit for one game's participation. And incidentally, this meeting is not for freshmen only. Any person interested in football is invited to attend.

Intramural managers are reminded to clip these rules for future reference.

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Washington State to Down UCLA In Feature Game Friday Night-Williamson

By Paul B. Williamson
The Williamson System picks the Washington State Cougars to take the U. C. L. Bruins into camp in their game at Los Angeles Friday.

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The Denver-Iowa State game is hard to figure but the System will ride with Denver. We select Creighton over Centenary and Montana over Brigham Young.

Little San Jose State should defeat Utah State and St. Louis U. will beat Missouri Mines. Georgetown of Washington, D. C., will go under before the boys from Dixie of Mississippi.

The Temple Owls will demonstrate their power when they play Kansas University. Butler has lost many standout players and should lose their game to Xavier Friday.

The Williamson predictions for Friday's game are listed below. The favored teams are listed in capitals.

WILLIAMSON'S PREDICTIONS

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KILGORE	Northeast Center
AUBURN	Howard
ADA ST. THRS.	Oklahoma City
AUSTIN COLLEGE	Durant
Brigham Young	MONTANA U.
CENTRE	Mississippi College
CREIGHTON	Centenary
DUQUESNE	Niagara
FURMAN	Wofford
Georgetown	MISSISSIPPI
Gonzaga	PACIFIC LUTHERAN
HOWARD PAYNE	San Marcos
Iowa State	DENVER U.
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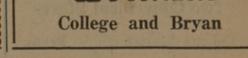
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Rice Owls, Idle This Week, Prep For Sam Houston

This is the payoff week for the Rice Owls. Favored by their schedule, they have started off slowly. Their first game is October 4, with Sam Houston Teachers College in Houston.

"We're going to work at top speed this week and work our hard, est," Coach Jess Neely said after his squad had gone through a vigorous scrimmage session Saturday.

"If we get results, we'll slow down a little next week. But, we've got to get those results."

The Blues, or second stringers, gave the first team a fit in Saturday's scrimmage. Mostly sophomores, they held the Whites much closer than the 20-6 score indicated, getting within striking distance of touchdowns several times.

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