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Let's be Realistic And Not Pessimistic About Aggie Chances in Winning Grid Crown

Realism—a grim and truthful word in the vocabulary that has often caused the downfall of quite a number of football teams. That is exactly what is NOT present on this campus. Too many cadets dwell in the land of "wishful thinking." They believe that the Aggies have everything, but don't realize that five other conference teams have been going great guns too. It may be true that the Aggies are invincible—anyway, let's hope so—but we may realize that this is an altogether new team—a team that has lost the cream of the crop through graduation. Sure, we've showed a lot of promise so far, and may go places should we take T. C. U. this week. But until then, and until the season is over, let's take each game as they come. Let's not build any castles in the air. It'll all blow up on us.

As for the Aggie players themselves, they all think they'll win this ole crown. Derace Moser, Roy Bucek, Rosy Sterling, Willie Zapalac, and the rest have often expressed that opinion. Well, they should. What would be the fun of playing football if you didn't think you could win? But the players are going to take each game as it comes, and that's the only way they're going to win games. Pessimistic? No, just being realistic.

Great Passing Duel Between Moser And Gillespie Expected When Ags and Frogs Meet

The Aggies are at the well-known cross-road this week when they take on the T. C. U. Horned Frogs at Ft. Worth. And what a battle that should turn out. A defensive team versus the highest scoring team in the nation! Both have done exceptionally well in their pre-conference games, but the Aggies have had a slight advantage. They had three good warmup games in which they could get ready for the Frogs, while T. C. U. had a battle on their hands each week. Too, it'll bring out the first individual duel of the year when Triple-threat Kyle Gil-

lespie faces durable Derace Moser in what may turn out one of the greatest pitching duels since Sammy Baugh slinged against Billy Patterson. Both have been designated as "it" men on the team, and may have double duty come Saturday.

STAR OF THE WEEK DEPARTMENT . . . To Bob Brumley, spinner back of the Rice Owls, who paced them to an upset victory over the Tulane Greenies by accounting for all 10 points in the game. Also orchard to the Rice forward wall which withstood anything the Greenies could offer.

Sports Squibs From Here and There; Moser, Spivey, Pickett, and Sibley Shine in New York

Derace Moser, Marshall Spivey, and Tom Pickett proved to be stars in the N. Y. U. game, while Dub Sibley and Bill Henderson were demons on defense . . . Congrats to the "G" Coast Artillery Fish for that swell football sign hanging on top of Mitchell Hall . . . other freshmen take notice . . . the old adage of "he who laughs last laughs loudest" came out pretty well this week . . . we're talking about the smart boys who couldn't believe that Rice would beat Tulane . . . they still are a bit

skeptical about the whole deal . . . Looks like the famous "Model T" cracked up this week when Coach Clark Shaughnessy's Rose Bowl champs took it on the chin from an uprising Oregon State team . . . DIDJA KNOW . . . that the Aggies lead T. C. U. on their all-time record by winning 21 contests to the Frogs' 11 . . . the all-time score is 567 for A. & M. and 245 for T. C. U. . . the Frogs have never had a half back for football captain . . . guards lead in the choice—including Captain Bill Crawford of the 1941 team . . . T. C. U. hasn't had a tie since 1937, when they had 7-7 scores with both Arkansas and the Aggies . . . To clear up a few of the clouded minds on the A. & M. - N. Y. U. game of last Saturday . . . it was Tom Pickett who threw that flat zone pass which the Violets intercepted and scored on, and not Marshall Spivey as reported by Announcer Dan Riss . . . the Southwest Conference has lost only one game to outsiders this year, and that was Fordham over S. M. U. by a mere 38 seconds . . . Meyer-coached teams at T. C. U. have found the Texas Longhorns easiest of any conference eleven to score on, the S. M. U. Mustangs the hardest . . .

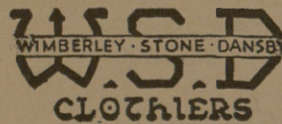


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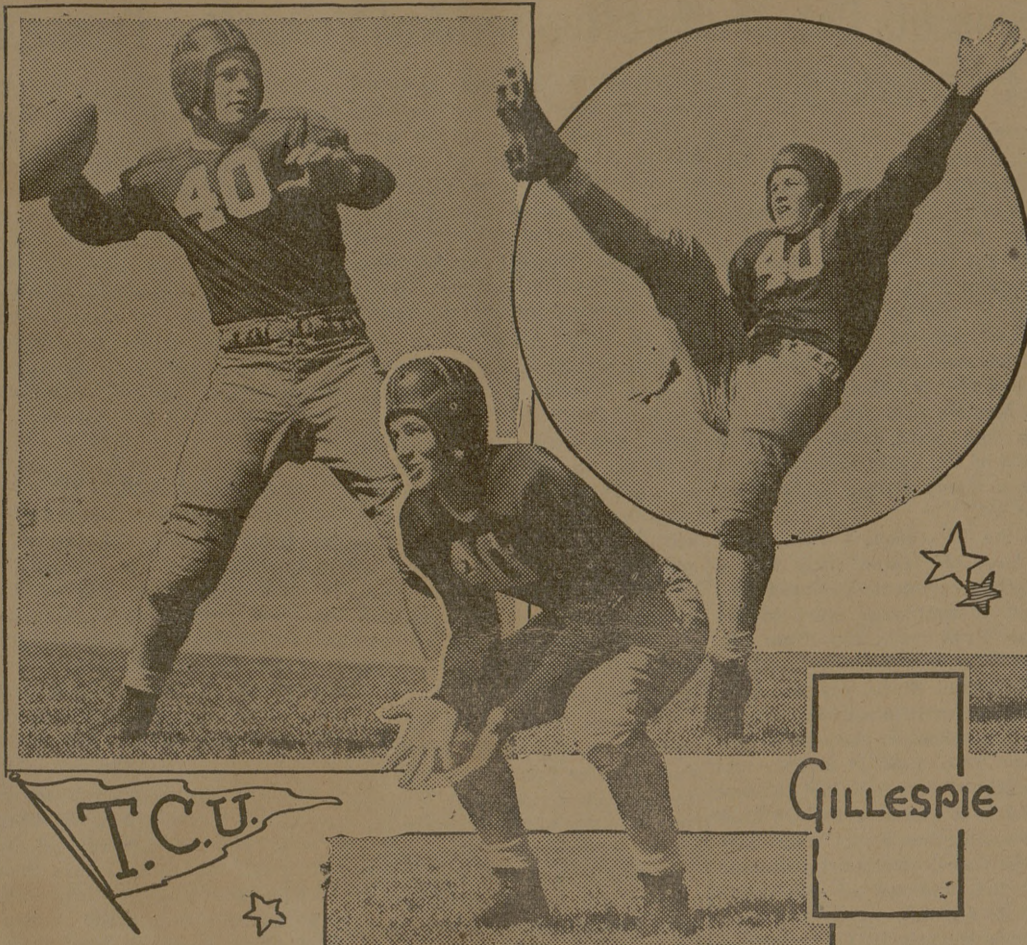
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Aggies Open Conference Season Against TCU Saturday; Down NYU in Second Half

Aerial Duel Looms Between Moser And Gillespie at Ft Worth

Coming through with victory No. three while in New York, Coach Homer Norton and his Texas Aggies hit College Station Monday afternoon, and prepared to work harder than ever for their first conference game against the strong T.C.U. Horned Frogs next Saturday at Fort Worth.

It will be the second conference go for the Frogs as they set back Arkansas a couple of weeks ago, 9-0. Last week they opened up their offense for the first time against the Indiana Hoosiers, with the result being a 20-14 victory for T.C.U. Again it was Kyle Gillespie who paced Dutch Meyer's offense, and it is upon his shoulders that the Frog's base their hopes next Saturday.

Second-Half Sprees

Meanwhile, the Aggies again had one of their well-known second-half sprees against N.Y.U., which set the Violets back to a 49-7 defeat. It was a sweet triumph for the cadets who only two quarters before were fighting to stem a violent N.Y.U. tide. The violets had tied the score at 7 all on a pass interception and were seemingly headed for another score as they had first down on the Aggie 2 yard line. Four line plays put the ball back on the A. & M. 10 and the Aggies were out of danger.

It was Derace Moser who started the cadets on their touchdown spree when he intercepted a pass and scampered for an 89 yard score. From then on it was a slaughter, and even the adding

machine had to put up with lots of trouble.

Sibley Stars

Dub Sibley proved to be the defensive star of the game as he

time and again proved to be the fifth man in the backfield. He also intercepted a pass that led to the Aggies' first score. Bill Henderson and Euel Wesson also showed up well both on offense and defense, while Moser, Spivey, Pickett, Rogers, and Andricks found the range in the backfield. Andricks had one of his best days as he bulldogged that Violet line into submission.

T. C. U., too, showed up great in their game with Indiana, as they withstood a Hoosier touchdown surprise to overcome them.

Aggies Jump To Fourth Place In Williamson's Poll

By Paul B. Williamson

The Texas Aggies swapped the New York University Violets by a score of 49-7; raised themselves 8.2 percentage points; and went into fourth place with a rating of 99.0 per cent. Last week the Williamson System gave out a warning about those Aggies. They are doing just as we expected.

Despite murmurs in the sports world of "a big upsetting week", the System had the smoothest week of the season with a correct record of 83.3 per cent. The Williamson's Ratings marked up 164 wins, 31 losses, and five upsetting ties.

We went wrong on two games that were definitely upsets. Stanford lost to Oregon State 10-0 and Tulane lost to Rice 10-9. Stanford and Tulane should have won. It was Stanford's first defeat since the 1939 season. Teams, no matter how good, just don't go on winning forever.

Tulane indicated strength in its first two games with victories over Boston College and Auburn; but we didn't forget that Boston lost four great players from last year's team. Auburn just couldn't get going against the Tulane Green Wave. Besides, Tulane always was a sucker for quick-kicks and "Stoop" Dickson of the Rice Owls quick-kicked Tulane to death.

For the first time in quite a spell, the System went against the ratings last week to pick Colgate over Dartmouth, and Colorado College over Montana State. The ratings were right for Dartmouth over Colgate 18-7; the reversal was right for Colorado College over Montana 28-7.

Another so-called cockeyed result was Holy Cross' 6 to 0 loss to Syracuse, in the first game in 21 years between those two teams.

Some of the System's great predictions last week were: Clemson (See WILLIAMSON, Page 4)

Second-Half Spree Gives Aggies 49-7 Victory Over NYU

Gillespie completed 5 of 11 aerials for 85 yards, putting himself up as one of the leading flingers in the conference.

Aerial Duel

An aerial duel is in prospect for the coming A. & M.-T. C. U. fray. The Frogs are naturally noted for their passing game, while the Aggies, who before this year were noted for their sheer power, have suddenly turned into an aerial circus, completing 67 passes out of 95 attempts. Derace Moser has been doing most of the slinging for the cadets, being today the leading passer in the nation. Kyle Gillespie has been noted for his passes ever since he has been enrolled at T. C. U. So watch for one of the greatest pitching duels in football.

Jinx Factor

Another determining factor is expected to enter the game before Saturday. That is the jinx the Frogs hold over the cadets. Only (See NYU GAME, Page 4)

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INTRAMURALS

By DUB OXFORD

Coming Sports
Class A
Basketball
Touch Football

Class B
Ping Pong
Volleyball

Get out your track shoes fellows, Both Class A and Class B cross country will be held on Sunday, November 9. The P.E. department has gotten rules for the meet and here they are:

All freshmen who enter the race will be required to complete a training period of at least five workouts under the direction of Colonel Anderson. This period will start on Monday, October 27 and continue through Thursday, November 6. A maximum of eight freshmen from each unit may take part in the training period, five of whom will be selected to compete in the race and the three men finishing first for each unit will constitute a team. Students completing the training period who are not selected for the team will be given four game credits and students competing in the race will receive six game credits.

Upperclassmen will not be required to train, it is assumed that they will do so of their own accord. Cross Country has always been a popular intramural sport and a big participation is expected. The Physical Education Department is asking that all freshmen, regardless of whether they are taking class, intramurals, or any Fish sport, to meet in the Assembly Hall with their regular section for the second period of this week. Roll will be checked and the absences will be recorded.

The concrete courts have seen lots of action this past week. D Infantry whipped Headquarters Signal Corps 2-0 and A Engineers showed that they can wield a ten-

nis racket as well as a polo mallet. They beat K Infantry by a 2-0 score, after a hard fought battle.

C Coast and B Cavalry fought it out, with the Coast boys coming

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Class A
5 CHQ, tennis
Artillery Band, tennis
Class B
Infantry Band, swimming

out on the winning end of a 2-1 score. F Coast played an interesting game; they, too, won their match, beating D Cavalry 2-0. The Field Artillery met the Field Ar-

First Meeting of Fish Swimmers to be Held Wed Night in YMCA

The first meeting of the Fish swimming team will be held tomorrow night at 7:30 in the "Y" chapel, Coach Art Adamson announced today. Any freshman who is interested in swimming and would like to try out for the team is invited to attend.

Based on present prospects, this year's team is expected to be one of the best in the history of the school. Among those expected to report tomorrow night are Davis of El Paso, state sprint champion, and Griffin of Ft. Worth, third place winner in the state breaststroke competition. Several other outstanding high school swimmers are expected to attend.

Coach Adamson added that the team might possibly participate in meets with New Mexico Military Institute, the Texas Fish, the San Antonio Y. M. C. A., and the Houston Y. M. C. A.



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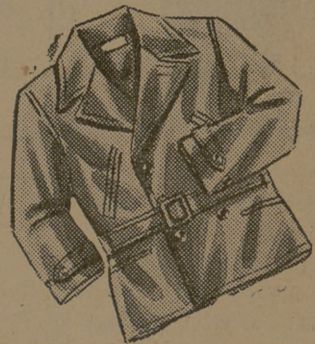
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