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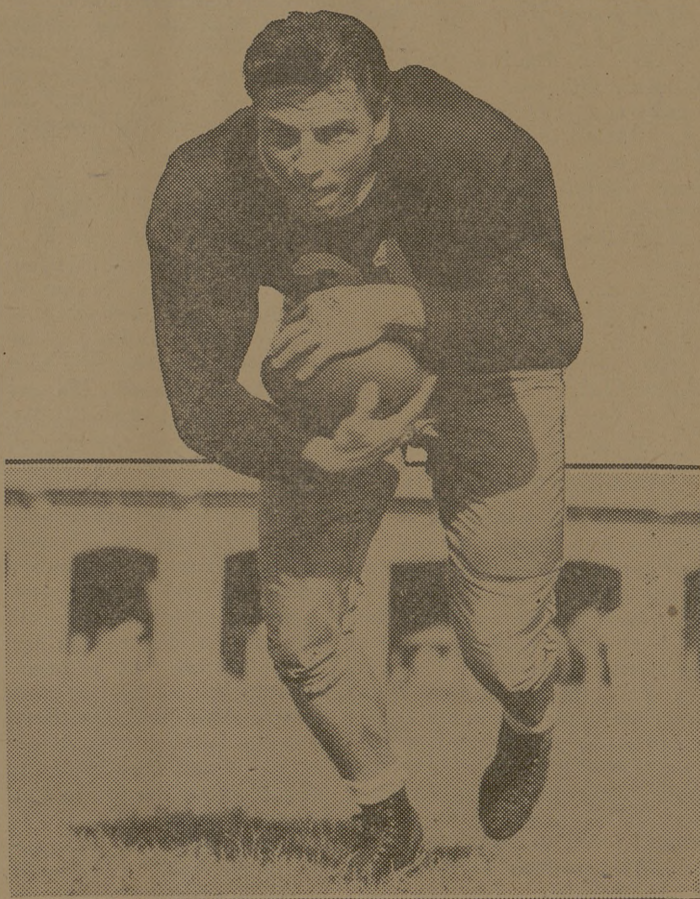
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Power for Washington State!



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Williamson Places Texas Third and Aggies Fourth

By Paul B. Williamson

Except for the bowl games, the 1942 football season has been almost completely closed. With only 15 games remaining on the 1941 schedule, a fair estimate can be drawn of the relative standings of the leading teams.

Coach Dana X. Bible's Texas Longhorns loosed their full power at College Station last Thursday to overwhelm those Texas Aggies 23 to 0. The Aggies won the championship of the Southwestern Conference on a percentage basis of games lost, won, and tied in the circuit but dropped from the national championship.

This is one particular instance

wherein it seems odd that the circuit champion has been badly beaten by the runner-up. The explanation is simple enough. Each team was beaten once, but Texas had also been tied once. So, the championship goes to the Texas Aggies, and Texas—rating just slightly lower by virtue of the additional tie game—is runner up.

The biggest upsets of the week included Louisiana State over Tulane 19-0, California over Stanford by 16-0, and Arkansas over Tulsa 13-6.

In 84 games reported, including stragglers from the previous week, the system won 62, and had one upsetting tie. That gave a record

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Texas Longhorns May Boast of Aggie Defeat But Cadets Are Still SWC Champs

From every little nook or corner, the question, "What happened to the Texas Aggies this past Thanksgiving day?" pops up. This is not hard to answer. The Aggies were simply beaten by a better team—a team that had great blocking, tackling, and offensive ability. Undoubtedly, that was the greatest team to come out of the State Institution, and it will be many a year before Coach Dana X. Bible can boast of such an array of players.

Yes, everyone will admit that Texas has the best material in the conference, but, after all is said and done, who's the champs? It's not the Longhorns, T. C. U., Rice,

S. M. U., Baylor, or Arkansas. It's the Texas Aggies! And the Longhorns or any other Southwest Conference team cannot claim that they are better than the Aggies through the season. Hustle, spirit, and the will to win got the crown for Coach Homer Norton's fighting eleven, and even in defeat, no one can say that the Aggies did not fight to the last second of play.

Yes sir, Texas beat the Aggies, but we certainly can come back with the answer that we won the consolation prize (and a mighty good one at that)—the SOUTHWEST CONFERENCE FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP! You can't laugh that off!

Wash State Cougars, Slow Starters, Have Become the Terror Of Pacific Conference

With the Texas memory safely laid away to rest for another year, Coach Homer Norton's Aggies prepare themselves for another tough foe when they clash with the Washington State Cougars Saturday afternoon before a reported capacity crowd. The Cougars are a team that had a slow start but have come along in their past three games to become the terror of the Pacific Coast. Since losing their last game to the Washington Huskies, 23-13, Coach Babe Hollingberry's eleven have swamped such favorites as Stanford, Oregon, and Oregon State, the West Coast's Rose Bowl nominee. Had Oregon

State been defeated last Saturday by Oregon, Washington State, in all probability would have received the Rose Bowl nomination.

Sparked by their brilliant halfback, the Cougars employ a single wing punt formation. They have Galley 4

a great running attack while their passing, led by Sewell, is one of the best on the Coast. Since the Aggies themselves are primarily a passing team, be set to see plenty of aerials floating through the air at the sandy Tacoma stadium, with Derace Moser and Leo Daniels on one side for the Cadets, and Sewell on the throwing end for the Coast team.

Sports Squibs From Here and There; Wash State Game to be Broadcast Saturday at 4

The game between the Aggies and Washington State will be broadcast by the Humble Oil and Refining Company, starting at 4 o'clock. . . . Kern Tips is the probable announcer. . . . Speaking of loyalty to a team, whether it's winning or losing, here are some

excerpts from a letter depicting the attitude of so many loyal Aggie fans. . . . Dear Mr. Norton and team. . . . We want you and the boys to know, that in spite of what happened Thanksgiving, people are still for you every minute, particularly 133 girls here at Stephens College at Columbia, Missouri. . . . We know that a lot was lost Thanksgiving, but just as much was gained. . . . no matter how any team beats the Aggies, they can never touch the Aggie spirit. . . . it will live as long as there is an A. & M. . . . Here is a poem written by me, entitled "The Spirit of Aggieland." . . . It isn't much, but here goes. . . .

"You have won the SW Conference three years in a row, Texas U. has beaten you, all this we know, But, you, you Texas Aggies, have a spirit tried and true, And, we, your loyal supporters, will always stick by you." Your most ardent supporter, Mary Evelyn Martin, Box 785, Stephens College, Columbia, Missouri.

. . . Just goes to show that the Spirit of Aggieland" is spread all over the country. . . . Bill Henderson, Jim Sterling, and Derace Moser are the Aggies that have been prominently mentioned on several All-American selections. . . . Moser made first string halfback on the NEA All-American team. . . . Sterling was first string end on the New York Sun selection. . . . (See KYLE FIELD, Page 4)

After a short workout yesterday in Los Angeles, the Texas Aggies journeyed on to Sacramento where they will go through a long drill today in preparation for their game with the Washington State Cougars Saturday in Tacoma.

The Aggies will arrive in Tacoma tomorrow in time for a short workout in the Tacoma high school stadium where the game is to be played. The Cougars home town is across the state at Pullman, Wash., but the game is being played in Tacoma on account of it being the Evergreen Bowl.

This will be the first meeting in history between the Aggies and the Cougars, and is attracting quite a bit of attention over the nation. Coach Orin "Babe" Hollingberry of the Washington State club has built his defense around two stellar ends, Dale Gentry and Nick Suesoff. These boys specialty is rushing the opponents passer, and as everyone knows, the Aggies main offensive threat is the passing of Derace Moser and Leo Daniels. It is well known that a pair of good hard-charging ends can deal a passer plenty of misery, and therein lies the thought which troubles the Aggies' Homer Norton.

The Washington State Cougars are admitted by all so-called experts to have had the hottest team in the West in recent weeks, and the Aggies are spending long hours studying ways to halt their well rounded offense as scouted by "Dough" Rollins.

The Aggies will be handicapped when they step out on the field Saturday by the fact that they will have had but a scant five hours of actual practice for this game. In addition to this, the trip is the longest one ever made by any Cadet team in history, and the boys are expected to be a bit train weary by the time they reach Tacoma.

To add to the Aggie misery, the game is to be played not on a well turfed field as they are accustomed to, but on a gridiron made of dirt. However, this is expected to work to Washington State's disadvantage also.

Advance information received from Tacoma has it that the fans up there are calling this the game which should have been played in the Rose Bowl. All of the 25,000 seats have been sold and thousands more of the West Coast people are clamoring for tickets. The game is expected to be one of the most colorful and hard fought affairs the Pacific Coast has seen this year or any year.

TCU's Three-Year Cycle Pays Off As Frogs Go to Bowl

Texas Christian's three-year cycle has paid off again, for the Horned Frogs are once more in a bowl game, meeting the University of Georgia in the Orange Bowl in Miami, Florida, January 1, 1942.

Five consecutive times now the Frogs have climbed to gridiron heights at intervals of three years. It all started back in 1929, when T. C. U., with Mike Brumbelow (now line coach) as captain and Howard Grubbs (now athletic director) as quarterback, won their first Southwest Conference championship.

Three years later, in 1932, the Frogs were undefeated and tied once (by L. S. U., 3 to 3) in winning the conference flag. That team was the first in conference history to win from all other member schools.

Another three years passed, and in 1935 the Horned Frogs, with Sammy Baugh passing, went to the Sugar Bowl and won from L. S. U. 3 to 2, though they dropped one game, to finish second in the conference standings.

Again three years passed, and this time the cycle paid off in a big way. With Davey O'Brien pitching and Ki Aldrich and I. B. Hale headlining a mighty line, the 1938 Frogs earned the title of No. 1 team of the nation. Again they made a Sugar Bowl appearance, defeating Carnegie Tech 15 to 7.

What the experts overlooked is the fact that this is 1941 and that three years had passed since T. C. U. last had a good season. A three-year cycle that put them into the Orange Bowl in spite of everything!

And remember that three-year business when the 1944 season rolls around!

INTRAMURALS

By DUB OXFORD

Another organization on the campus has forfeited a game because they played a man under an assumed name. Such practice cannot be too strongly condemned, and it ought to stop. As mentioned in a previous column, the P. E. department does not look for such gross infractions of the sportsman's code, but when flagrant violations are thrown in their

face they cannot overlook it. The team who committed such a breach of ethics is now chalked up with a forfeit. And I hope there will be no further recurrences of the above mentioned breach.

- FORFEIT DOGHOUSE**
- Class A: C Field Artillery, Basketball
 - Class B: D CAC, Volleyball
 - E Engineers, Ping Pong
 - A Replacement Center, Volleyball

the forfeit list last year, has won 2 CHQ, the organization that led all their football games by at least

one touchdown and has advanced to the semi-finals in one other sport this season. If I were handing out orchids they would go to the men on the 2 CHQ intramural team. Class B ping pong is going (See INTRAMURALS, Page 4)

Fame of Aggies Spread Throughout Country---A&M Music Requested

Aggie followers are scattered throughout the entire world—this fact is proven by letters that pile into Aggieland day by day from all points of the globe, letters from men, women, and children praising and hailing A. & M. and the Aggie spirit.

Of particular interest is a letter received last week by J. F. Casey. The letter was written from Summit, New Jersey, by a woman after she and her son had heard the Bonfire broadcast Wednesday night.

The letter was written in order to obtain information as to how to obtain a copy of the "Spirit of Aggieland"—the music to be used as a Christmas present for her Aggie-worshipping 15 year old son.

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