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### Title Hopes of Aggie Basketball Team Rather Slim; Henderson is Big Sparkplug

Getting off football for a spell, let's see what Coach Marty Karow has molded in the way of a basketball team. In their first game with the Sam Houston State Teachers, the Ags were slightly out of tune, but that can be remedied in the fact that the sparkplug and captain of the team, Bill Henderson was not present. Treetop Billy does make a lot of difference as he seldom misses carrying off tops scoring honors in any basketball game. Even last year and before when the Aggies were hopelessly losing games, Henderson would nearly always be high point man.

As for winning the crown or even getting close to it, the chances are very slim. Coach Marty Karow is in his first year as basketball mentor, having replaced T. C. U. Coach Hub McQuillan, and it will be a miracle if he can win the crown. Not since 1923 have the Aggies seen such a title, and it may be another decade. It is a

known fact that the A. & M. athletic department does not exert itself looking for basketball stars like Arkansas, Rice, or Teaxs do, and with these schools grabbing the cream of the high school crop, the Ags don't stand much of a chance.

However, you can get your bottom dollars that Coach Karow's five will be battling all the way in the same manner exemplified by other A. & M. athletic teams and, with that hustle may topple a favored team or two. Remember what they said about the 1941 Aggie football team? The gridsters fooled a lot of people. Can the cage team do the same? We'll just wait and see.

#### SPORTS SQUIBS FROM HERE AND THERE

With the naming of the Battalion All-Conference team, the regular season is over, so let's take a glance at some individual all's... First the best passer in the conference is Derace Moser...

### 'Bama Scout Is Impressed By Aggie Pass Attack

Tide Players in Good Shape For Cotton Bowl Battle With Texas Aggies

University, Ala., Dec. 12.—Alabama's football squad began preparations for the sixth appearance of a Crimson Tide eleven in a post-season bowl game this week.

After five trips to the Rose Bowl, Alabama will meet the mighty Texas A. & M. team in Dallas' Cotton Bowl classic, Jan. 1.

Coach Frank Thomas announced that workouts this week would be of a light nature and that it would be Monday or Tuesday of next week before the Tide buckled down to any rough work. With the exception of Paul Spencer, 195 pound senior fullback, the entire Alabama squad is in god condition.

Spencer has been on the sidelines since the Kentucky game, November 1, with a leg injury and only time will tell whether or not the Tide's varsity fullback will be able to see action against the Aggies. He resumed practice with the rest of the squad Tuesday.

Coach Harold "Red" Drew, Alabama end coach who scouted Texas A. & M. in its 7-0 victory over Washington State in Tacoma Saturday, said the Aggies have the "greatest passing team I have ever seen."

Drew was also impressed by the Aggies' star back, Derace Moser, and said that it seemed to him that there was little to choose between Moser and his left half alternate, Lee Daniels.

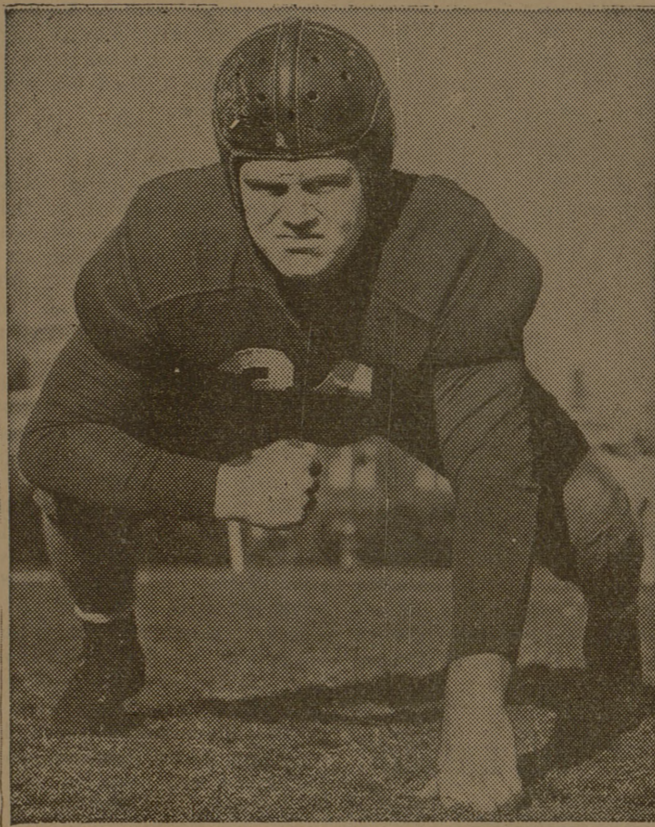
best kicker is Presto Johnston of S. M. U. . . . Best broken field runner—Jack Crain of Texas . . . Best blocker . . . Vernon Martin of Texas . . . Best placekicker—Jake Webster . . . Best pass receiver—Bill Henderson . . . Hardest line plunger—Bob Brumley of Rice . . . Best all-around lineman—Martin Ruby of A. & M. . . . Now for some individual things . . . Most thrilling and best run of the season—Dean Bagley's 55 yard gallop through the whole Texas team (no foolin', it was a beauty) . . . "Money" run of the year—Felix Bucek's 58 yard interception score which gave the Aggies a 7-0 victory over Arkansas . . . Biggets upset of the year . . . Baylor's 7-7 tie with Texas . . . it even outranks T. C. U.'s defeat of the Steers . . . Screwiest play of the year . . . Beecher Huff's backward kick of 4- yards in the Baylor-Rice game . . . Biggest back fire of the year . . . Stoop Dickson's 65 yard quickkick against Texas which Jack Crain ran back for a touchdown . . . Most outclassed team . . . Baylor in the 48-0 rout by the Aggies.

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## Rugged Soph 'Bama Linemen



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## College Professors Organize Bi-Weekly Volleyball Club

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Prof's, extension service workers, experiment station men, and other college employees, here is a remedy for that dull, down-and-out feeling that inevitably comes to most people at some time or another. Here, too, is a swell way to keep down the waistline.

A small group of college employees, realizing the need of additional exercise, have organized a volley ball club. This club has regular sessions twice a week, from 5:45 until 7:00 p. m. every Tuesday and Thursday, on the court in the little gym behind DeWare Field House at Kyle Field.

The title of "Fat and Forties" has been bestowed upon the group by one of its members, W. R. Horsley, chairman of the Student Labor Committee. However, this name is not truly descriptive of the members for all are not over

forty and not many of them can be classed in the category of "fat".

The Intramural Department, in the persons of W. L. Penberthy, Spike White, and Luke Harrison, has been giving invaluable aid to the newly-organized club. Some member of the intramural staff is present at all times to officiate at the games and to settle frequent good-natured disputes. It is through the courtesy of the Intramural Department, who furnishes the gym and equipment, that this club has come into being.

At the present time the participants of this group number between 20 and 25 persons but more are joining at each session. Members of the college academic staff, AAA employees, members of the local college services, and other college employees are invited to engage in this enjoyable and healthful sports.

The "charter members" of this organization extend a cordial welcome to all college employees to come down to the little gym any Tuesday or Thursday evening from 5:45 'til 7:00 and join in the fun. No fees, no extras; just a good time for all!

## Fencing Team Goes To Waco for Meeting

The fencing team will go to Waco to meet the Baylor Bears for a fencing meet. It is to be a three weapon tournament with foils, epees, and sabers being used. Coach Lambert Molyneaux gave the following probable line up: C. L. Adcock, J. E. Fryje, R. W. Shaw, D. L. Stillinger, and R. C. Dyer.

The team is made up mostly of sophomores and there are no lettermen on the team. But Coach Molyneaux said that the team was in good shape and would turn in a good account of themselves in the meet against Baylor. He said that the team needs experienced men and invited any experienced fencer to report to the gym at seven o'clock on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, or Friday nights.

Tulane university student center was built with funds donated by the alumni.

## Aggies Wholly Dominate NYU's All-Opponent Team

The New York university All-Opponent team selected by the Violet varsity players is dominated by the Texas Aggie team with three Cadets, on the first honorary team and four named on the second eleven.

Jim Sterling, Martin Ruby, and Derace Moser of the Aggies were picked almost unanimously. The remainder of the first team positions were closely contested. There were ties among the second team right guards and right ends.

The N. Y. U. All-Opponents first team includes: Jim Sterling, Aggies, left end; Martin Ruby, Aggies, left tackle; Joe Zeno, Holy Cross, left guard; Darold Jenkins, Missouri, center; John McKenna, Lafayette, right guard; Ernie Blandin, Tulane, right tackle; Jim Lansing, Fordham, right end; Walt McDonald, Tulane, quarterback; Derace Moser, Aggies, left half; Bill Smaltz, Penn State, right half; and Steve Filipowicz, Fordham, fullback.

The second team consists of: Paul Berthold, Syracuse, left end. Euel Wesson, Aggies, left tackle; Roy Bucek, Aggies, left guard; Bill Sibley, Aggies, center; Tom Bennett, Fordham, and Roman Bentz, Tulane, right guard; Ken Schoonover, Penn State, right tackle; Red McPhail, Syracuse, and Bill Henderson, Aggies, right end; John Petrella, Penn State, quarterback; Jim Blumenstock, Fordham, left half; Bob Steuber, Missouri, right half; and John Grigas, Holy Cross, fullback.

## Cadets Go Back to Grid Battles Mon

### Coach Norton's Team Is in Top Shape for 'Bama

With only three weeks left before the 1942 Cotton Bowl Classic, the Texas Aggies go back to the gridiron wars Monday afternoon in preparation for the impending battle with the Alabama Crimson Tide.

Coach Homer Norton's Southwest Conference champs arrived from their 7-0 victory over Washington State without any serious injuries and are expected to be in tiptop shape for Alabama. Only Derace Moser and Felix Bucek came out of the Cougar battle with any kind of injury. Moser had a bruised hip while Bucek suffered a chipped ankle. Les Richardson, the other Cadet casualty is fast rounding into shape and is due to be the starting guard New Year's Day.

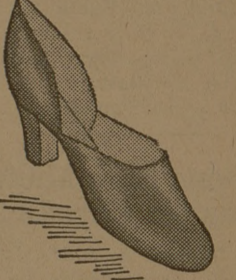
The Aggies plan to polish their great passing attack, and add a bit more finnesse to their improving ground game. The latter worked nicely against Washington State, and it is almost certain that Coach Homer Norton will throw a combination of running and passing instead of wholly depending on the air attack.

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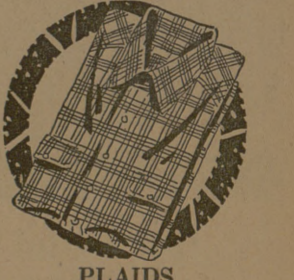


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