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### Picking Aggies to Down Alabama in Cotton Bowl; Also Taking Missouri, Duke and TCU

Football is finally fading out of the picture of sports. The climax of the great popular sport will come in the annual bowl games New Year's Day. These games always prove thrilling to the pigskin-minded fans as some of the best teams in the country are matched there. Let's look over the bowl lineups for January 1, 1942.

**COTTON BOWL** . . . Texas A. & M.-Alabama—Picked by most experts to be the closest game of the day, this tilt might well turn into a mighty offensive duel. With Jimmy Nelson tossing the ball on one side and Derace Moser and Leo Daniels doing likewise on the other, anything can happen and will. The Tide is not noted for its passing as much as it is for its running attack and if it can pierce that stout Maroon and White line of Aggeland, it may well go on to victory. That may not be easy to do, however, as only Texas university has accomplished that feat in 10 games. So, we'll take the Aggie aerial attack over the 'Bama ground game, 21-13.

**SUGAR-BOWL** . . . Fordham-Missouri . . . Here is where the best running game wins. Neither team boasts of any potential aerial attack, but both have a ground game that has lost 'em but one game the whole season. Since Fordham lost its two great stars, Jim Lansing and Steve Filipowicz, to the Army, the edge goes to the Tigers of Missouri, 6-0.

**ROSE BOWL** . . . Duke-Oregon State . . . Called off in California because of the existing situation, this game has been moved to Durham, North Carolina. The Blue Devils are after revenge in the

Rose Bowl after suffering an upset victory to Southern California in the '39 Classic. Oregon State just came in under the wire to become the Bowl nominee edging out Oregon university, 12-7, in the final minutes of play. The latter, meanwhile, suffered its most humiliating defeat to the Texas Longhorns, 71-7, the following week. So, take your pick there. We'll take Duke, 14-0.

**ORANGE BOWL** . . . Georgia-T.C.U. . . . Frank Sinkwich and his bunch of surprising Bulldogs will be up against it when they face the stonewall line of Dutch Meyer's T. C. U. Horned Frogs. The Toad line led by End Bruce Alford and Tackle Darrell Palmer, was the only line besides Baylor, which completely throttled the Texas Longhorn attack. Too, they have a nice passing game to go along with that. Take Sinkwich away from Georgia and the Bulldogs just don't have much of a team, and one thing learned in the Southwest Conference is that you can't go far with a one-man team. It's the Frogs by a 13-7 score.

### Sports Squibs From Here And There; Some Statistics On Southwest Conf Teams

Some interesting statistics as compiled by H. B. McElroy, and Roy P. Gates of the Publicity Department . . . the Aggies have scored 260 points against 46 . . . that totals to 38 touchdowns and 28 extra points . . . they have gained 930 yards net rushing while their opponents have managed for but 843 . . . Some 335 yards of the latter total was made by Texas university . . .

# Aggies and 'Bama Ready for Cotton Bowl

## Cadets Risk Undefeated Bowl Record January 1

By Mike Mann

On New Year's Day, 1942, the Texas Aggie gridsters will close out their 1941 season in one final blaze of glory against the Crimson Tide of the University of Alabama. This game will be played in the Cotton Bowl at Dallas and will make the third consecutive year the Cadets have participated in a post-season bowl game.

The Aggies played the Tulane Green Wave in the Sugar Bowl in New Orleans on January 1, 1940, and were victorious by a 14 to 13 score. On New Year's Day, 1941, the Fordham Rams were defeated in the Cotton Bowl by the Aggies with a 13 to 12 score.

The Cadets have one of the best three-year records in collegiate football in the nation. They have won 28 out of 30 games played in the past three years, including the two bowl games. In these three years, the Aggies have won the Southwest Conference twice (1939-1941) and were tied for first place with Southern Methodist in 1940.

The Texas A. & M.-Alabama game of this next New Year's Day is selected by most observers to be the most closely-contested game of the day. It will be the Aggie passing game against the Alabama ground game, for the most part. However, with Jimmy Nelson, Alabama's sparkplug half-back, in the game, anything can be expected from the Crimson Tide. Nelson has a running average of over four yards per try, a punting average of 37.7 yards, and a passing record of nearly .500. The Aggies are expected to cut loose with their famed passing game, with Derace Moser and Leo Daniels doing most of the pitching. The entire Cadet squad is in excellent shape and no ailments are expected to be prevalent for the Cotton Bowl affair. (See COTTON BOWL, page 4)

## Nelson and Rast Form a Great Combination for Alabama Tide!

By Chick Hurst

Nelson to Rast, a touchdown! This is the statement which poured from radios all over the nation, Saturday after Saturday throughout the 1941 football season. Wherever people listened to the Alabama Crimson Tide's

25 out of 54 passes for a total gain of 394 yards and four touchdowns, averaged 37.7 yards per kick in 66 punts, and scored eight touchdowns for a total of 48 points.

The above figures don't break any records, but Nelson's value to the Crimson Tide can't be measured in figures. "Ole Tater Head" as Nelson is called by teammates, has always come through when the chips were down.

In the Tide's 9-2 win over Tennessee, it was Nelson who pitched a touchdown pass to Holt Rast for the only one of the game. In the 27-14 victory over Georgia, Nelson passed for one six-pointer, went off tackle for another, and ran 53 yards with an intercepted pass for a third.

Against Tulane, Nelson passed to Rast for one touchdown, ran a

more valuable as a signal caller, and runs the team from his left end position. Rast is rated as one of the most crafty field generals ever to wear the Crimson and White.

When the Tide meets the Aggies in the Cotton Bowl, Rast will go up against the stiffest competition of his career. Both Jim Sterling and Bill Henderson lead him in the department of passes caught. But viewing the fact that several of the lanky Alabamian's pass completions have gone for touchdowns, all against Southeastern Conference teams, and the Aggies season record of 294 passes attempted to the Tide's 86, Rast's record is plenty good after all.

## Aggies Start Cage Trip With Game Against LSU

Carrying their basketball trip into Louisiana, the Texas Aggies play the Louisiana State Tigers in Baton Rouge tonight. The following night they move to Shreveport where they meet the cagers of Centenary college. They were defeated by the Phillips 66 Oilers in Houston Tuesday by a 74-43 score.

After the two games in Louisiana the Cadets return home for the Christmas holidays before taking to the road again. The next scheduled game is with Kentucky university in Lexington, Kentucky, on December 30. The games that follow in that series are: Purdue university on December 31 at (See BASKETBALL, page 4)



Jimmy Nelson  
Alabama Halfback

games the names Nelson and Rast were synonymous with the word touchdown. What lies behind this? Why are these two boys the most feared players in the Southeastern Conference. Let's take a look into their past performances.

Jimmy Nelson, 180 pound senior from Live Oak, Fla., has been Alabama's standout back for the past three seasons, and has started in each of the Tide's eight victories this year. Jimmy paced the 'Bama backs in every department of play during the past campaign, and for the second successive year was named on every all-Southeastern Conference team and made several All-America picks. Nelson gained 456 yards in 109 tries from scrimmage, completed



Holt Rast  
Alabama End

kickoff back 60 yards for another, and played a great all around game. In the Georgia Tech game, he again passed to Rast for a marker, and returned a punt 68 yards for another. Although in the game but a few minutes, Nelson returned the kickoff 95 yards for a touchdown, and went through the line for a 13 yard scoring run in the Tide's early season triumph over Howard.

Besides those listed above, Nelson returned a punt 85 yards against Miami, and ran 20 yards through Kentucky for a score. This list serves to prove but one thing: anyone kicking down the middle to Jimmy Nelson shouldn't be surprised if the ball comes back right in their faces with Nelson attached. The other end of the Nelson to Rast combination is All-American Holt Rast, a 185 pound senior from Birmingham, Ala. Considered to be the best defensive end ever to play for Alabama, Rast is even

## INTRAMURALS By DUB OXFORD

As previously announced, the Physical Education department will sponsor an open doubles handball tournament. The tournament will be run off sometime during the month of January and is open to students and faculty alike. The teams may be made up in any way desired without respect to classification, organization, or campus standing. All of the contests will be played at night and will be scheduled by the P. E. department.



There is no restriction on the number of teams that may be entered from each unit and medals will be awarded to the champions. Entry cards may be turned in at the Physical Education department office.

**Fish Basketball Game**  
I Battery Field Artillery and B Infantry are endowed with Fish basketball teams deluxe. The best game that has been played this season was the encounter between these two teams. The game was nip-and-tuck all the way and the game was tied up until the last quarter. Because of the fine playing of Lee Forrest, B Infantry won 14-11.

### Aggie Water Polo Squad Wins Out Over Campus Club Team

The Texas Aggie Varsity water polo team downed the Campus Club water polo team by a close score of 8-7 in P. L. Downs Jr. natatorium. This win over the Campus Club clinches the Texas State Water Polo League title for the Aggie varsity but there remains one more game to be played with the Campus Club to decide whether or not the varsity will finish the season undefeated.

The game was hotly contested all the way and at the half time period, the Campus Club was leading 6-3. The Aggie Varsity came back with renewed energy and began to pile up points. High score man for the Aggie varsity was Fred Renaud with three tallies; high score man for the Campus Club was Phil Griffin who also made three goals.

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