

**—AG RECORD—**  
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where the As pushed over. That was the end of a glorious conference race, but the Ags had

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one more fling at football before they were through. They met the Tulane Green Wave at the Sugar Bowl in New Orleans for the National Championship. It was there that Coach Homer Norton's boys played their greatest game as Herbie Smith, Walemon Price and of course, John Kimbrough led the way to a thrilling 14-13 victory. The latter truly was a great fullback that day as he sparked his team from behind to victory.

**1940 Season**

Well, the conference flag proudly waved over Aggieland after an absence of 12 years. But now the Aggies were after another coveted conference tradition—that of win-

ning the SWC title twice in a row. Following the great 1939 season, the Ags lost but three members of the starting lineup—Herbie Smith, Joe Boyd, who made the majority of All-American teams, and Walemon Price, passer deluxe. The majority of the sports experts, therefore, quickly hopped the Aggie bandwagon and, almost, to a man picked the Cadets to win the crown, jinx or no jinx.

Well, for eight consecutive games everything looked rosy. One by one, opposing teams were crushed by Norton's powerful machine. Texas A. & I., Tulsa, U.C.L.A. T.C.U., Baylor, Arkansas and Rice all went down in succession. Only Texas stood in the way of another perfect football season, a bowl bid and a national championship. But the jinx that hovered over great Aggie teams in the past was present that memorable Thanksgiving day as Texas astounded the sports world by upsetting mighty Texas A. & M. to the tune of 7-0. However, the Ags had clinched at least a part of the title, and when S. M. U. defeated Rice, 7-6, in the final game of the season, the Cadets shared the title with the Mustangs. Again, the legend that no team can win two conference championships in a row was true. Norton's eleven received the Cotton Bowl bid and upheld SWC glory by eking out a 13-12 win over Fordham.

**1941 Season**

That year can well be regarded as Coach Homer Norton's greatest piece of coaching. Losing nine of the eleven starters and the majority of the 1939-40 material, Norton began to work from the ground up. Not even conceded a chance for the first division, Nor-

ton surprised everyone, including Aggie partisans, when he came through with a conference title. Centering his attack around Triple-Threat Derace Moser, one of the two returning starters, Norton surprised each team with speed and passing genius. Moser had only passed three times during his college career but last year tossed a total of 17 touchdowns. Sam Houston State was blasted 54-0, not particularly a surprise. However, when the Aggies took a supposedly powerful A. & I. team to the tune of 41-0, folks began to suspect that, after all, there was more than just hope for the Aggie eleven. N.Y.U. went down next, 49-7, and Moser's passing magic clicked almost to perfection against T. C. U. whom the Ags beat, 14-0 at Port Worth.

**Beat Baylor, 48-0**

The Aggies, then, reached their peak when they passed, ran, kicked and did everything with the pingskin in administering Baylor one of its worst defeats, 48-0. Arkansas, S.M.U., and Rice came next but Texas, who had one of its greatest teams stumbled the Aggie Kyle Field jinx to the tune of 23-0. The season was not over, however, as the Ags showed that they were really champions as they rose up from that defeat to rack Washington State, 7-0. By the virtue of that victory, they were invited to the Cotton Bowl to play hosts to the Alabam Crimson Tide, but found the going a bit rough as Jimmy Nelson led the revamped 'Bama team to a 29-21 win.

**Great Record**

There you have the three year record of A. & M. Only Texas university has managed to beat the Cadets in the conference. The others found the ingenious coaching of Homer Norton and his assistants too much and went down in defeat.

This year, the Ags start on the road of their fourth consecutive title. Will they make it? Well, only time can tell!

**—McELROY—**

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But, strange as it seems, he never got there. In Dallas, someone told him about Texas A. & M., and as Mac put it, "I had never been in college, and wasn't doing anything, so I decided to go to college."

In 1934 he took his freshman and senior work, majoring in English and minoring in rural sociology. Even after being out of school for 21 years, he finished the year with a "B" average.

"My English prof and I disagreed on a grade on my term theme. I thought I should have an A," he gave me an F. So I made him a little deal. I told him I would write him a theme, and if I sold it to any publication he might pick, with the exception of Harper's, I was to get my A. If not, I'd take the F."

"He thought I couldn't do it, so he picked the New York Times. I wrote a 6500 word original theme on sociology, and not only sold it for \$30 to the New York Times, but got my A in English, rewrote the theme, handed it in in 'my sociology course, and got an A out of that!"

After leaving school in 1935 he worked for the Texas Centennial Exposition, ghost-wrote the Dallas Police Department's immense traffic survey, and worked in the night news room of radio station WFAA. At 4 o'clock in the morning he got a call to come back to A. & M., this time for good. He reported on August 1, 1937, but 5 days before he had married the girl in the college's publicity department who back in 1933, gave him a job without pay pasting publicity clippings in scrapbooks. Mrs. McElroy has a degree in journalism.

He's been here ever since, and although he does all sorts of publicity stories, besides writing freelance stories and articles, Mac really hits his element in sports. A while back, I said he was a statistician. That's Mac's hobby. For years now, all those statistics and dope on the Southwest conference that appears regularly in dozens of different newspapers and magazines (a list which includes Associated Press, United Press, International News Service, National Broadcasting Company's Bill Stern, and the Saturday Evening Post's, Francis Wallace "Pigskin Review") comes from the keyboard of Mac's typewriter on the fourth stoop of the administration building.

He is nationally known among sports experts as the old man of statistics, and goes for research so strongly that he writes articles on anything and everything.

Says Mac, "I was once considered an expert on the soy bean, and even after I had that reputation, I had never seen a soy bean."

And so it goes.

Whether Mac gets that QMC commission he is now dickering

for or not the Aggies are his kind of people, and if you want to talk to a real Aggie with a real store of experience and good bull, drop around and gab with him sometime, you may learn something about life!

**—NORTON—**

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Norton is the tackle slot. The unknown quantity at both tackles could easily wreck what has the possibilities of becoming a great team, and Coach Norton is seeking an answer to this problem. In addition to his tackle shortage Norton is confronted with a serious shortage of practice time.

With the speedup program in effect at A. & M. limiting practice to one session a day, the other schools have been working out twice daily for the past two weeks. Practically the entire Aggie squad has been in school all summer preparing to serve as officers in the army. In addition, A. & M. will go on a revised time schedule this semester and classes will last until six o'clock instead of five as formerly. This means that one hour of daylight will be cut from practice sessions.

But football fans may be assured of one fact, that regardless of what happens, the Aggies will be in there fighting all the way, and in the words of Coach Norton himself, "four straight wouldn't be bad."

**—INTRAMURALS—**

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other is not, the team which did not show up loses the match by forfeit. In the event neither team shows up a double forfeit is declared and the record of both teams is marred.

**Adhere to Rules**

It is necessary to adhere to the time regulations because of the great number of games which must be played each day. Without such strict rules the program would never be completed according to schedule. Forfeits are easy to avoid if each manager has every game announced at meal formation. Forfeits count against an organization's record when the final computations are made and may cause a team to lose a league title.

The Intramural department has advised that in case of bad weather everyone concerned should assume that scheduled matches will be played unless an announcement is made to the contrary. No one should merely assume that a game will not be played. This false assumption has resulted in a large number of forfeits in the past.

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**—DANIELS—**

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to his nickname—"Lighthnin"—by leading the conference in punt returns with an average of 18.3 yards on 13 returns. In the passing department he ranked fourth as to the basis of yards gained.

When one looks at this summary of Leo Daniels' accomplishments in football he might think that Leo was rather busy, but nevertheless he found enough time to be the regular rightfielder on last season's championship baseball team. Not only was he a demon on the defense in the outer garden, but he slugged out a better than .400 batting average for the season. It was his slugging in the first game of the crucial championship series against Texas University that carried the Aggies to victory.

Last June Leo was married to Ruth Smith of Bryan. Mrs. Daniel thinks "Leo's All-American".

**—JAKE WEBSTER—**

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The hardest one he says was S. M. U. in 1940, and the roughest the Cotton Bowl in 1941 against Fordham.

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