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Aggie Blocking and Tackling Shows Vast Improvement; F. Bucek in Mid-Season Form

It's back in the saddle again for Coach Homer Norton and his bunch of happy Texas Aggie gridsters as they prepare earnestly for their coming clash with Lt. Marty Karow's Corpus Christi Coments. And they have every right to be happy after Saturday's exhibition. If you were a fan at the L. S. U. game a week previous you'd swear up and down that the Maroon and White team on Kyle Field Saturday afternoon wasn't the same aggregation that was so soundly whipped by the Tigers.

Yes sir, it looks like old times again. Of course, there's still plenty of kinks to iron out. There seems to be something missing—maybe it's smoothness or maybe it's that certain extra block—but still something seems to be amiss.

But at any rate, let's get back to Saturday's game. Whereas only "brush" blocking was used in the Ags initial tilt, hard contact type of blocking was seen to take place continually against the Raiders. The boys really meant business, and, although there's still plenty of room for improvement, they showed that certain spark and determination which should make them a strong contender for the SWC championship.

The tackling also showed up nicely. Bill Sibley, the Ags' peppery center, who formed a bad habit of tackling the ball instead of the ball-carrier at L. S. U., showed worlds of improvement in that department. He came in hard, bowed his head and tackled as if he really meant business.

However, Felix Bucek and Wayne Cure, guards, and Bill Henderson phenomenal end, garnered most of the honors for their sensational playing. This writer continually harped on the fact that Cure would

make the Aggies a fine football player if he ever would put out everything he's got and it looks like Wayne has done just that. He and Bucek were the other two men in Tech's backfield, with either "64" or "67" coming up with the majority of the tackles.

I'm beginning to become seriously convinced that the Aggies' hustling guard, namely Felix (Hon-yak) Bucek is certain All-Conference material basing most of my facts, of course, on the two games played by the Aggies. The husky Schulenburg "flash" has proven to be a demon on defense and if his blocking Saturday is any kind of indication, he should rank quite high before the year is out.

Incidentally, the Ags are greatly fortified at the guard post with Bucek and Cure and Weldon Maples and Ray Mulhollan rated almost on an equal basis. This quartet should give the Ags the best guard play in the conference.

The tackle situation seemed to perk up Saturday with Ben Stout, Lennie Joeris, Bill Andrews and Ed Sturcken doing a creditable job. Their blocking and defensive play showed much improvement over last week's exhibition. It is still a decided problem but the way the tackles played Saturday, Line Coach Bill James shouldn't have much trouble in straightening out that kink!

STAR OF THE WEEK DEPARTMENT. Two great stars receive honor this week. First, Emory Nix, the passing T. C. U. flash who chunked the Frogs to a belated 13-6 win over Arkansas. No. 2 star is Felix Bucek, the Aggies' sensational guard, who sparked the Cadet defense against Texas Tech Saturday afternoon.

Some Guys Have All the Luck But Not Gus White, Fish Back; Hit by Automobile Sunday

At this time, I want to pause for a minute or so and pay a great tribute to a great kid, who's had more tough luck while he has been at A. & M. than all of the other Aggies combined. You might not have heard of him but those who know him will tell you that Gus White, the sensational freshman football and polo star, is one of the most popular first year men on the campus.

Well, Gus at the present time is in the college hospital recovering from an arm injury suffered Sunday morning when he was sideswiped by an automobile. Only a week or so before, he had his

football career halted for a few days when he suffered a broken nose in a freshmen scrimmage. And to add more wood to the fire, Gus found out that he was a wee bit late to get into his favorite organization—the Cavalry.

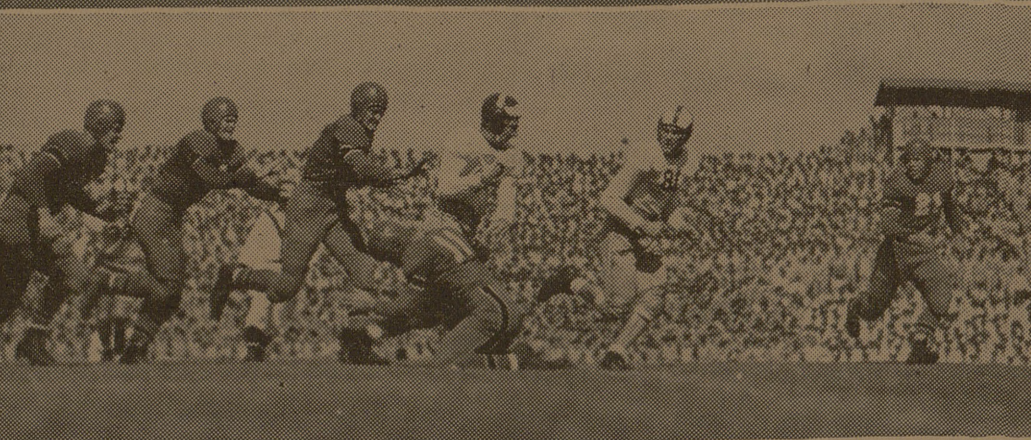
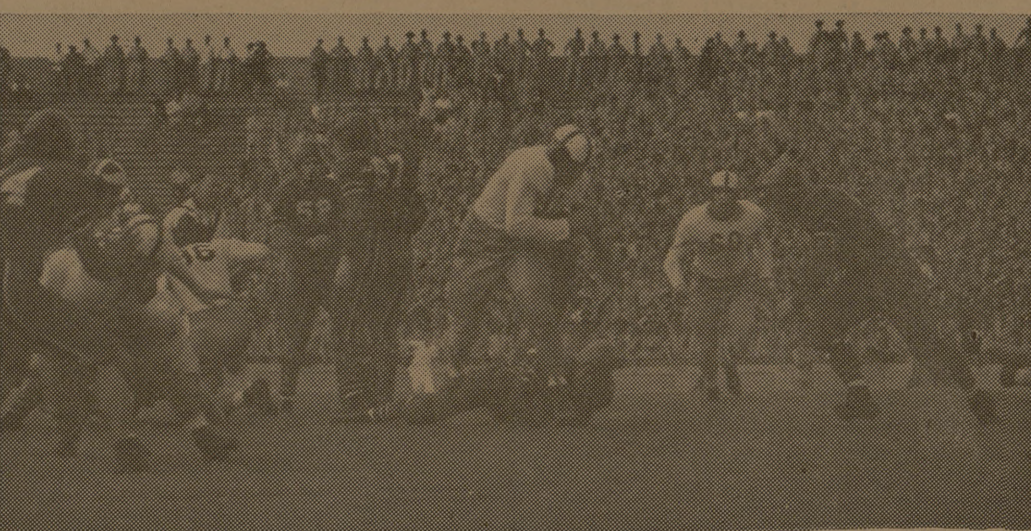
Any other person would have been tempted to pack up and leave out but not Gus. He has shown all the spirit that makes up a great individual, taking everything with a smile. I'm sure that everything will turn out for the best and here's hoping that the Lamesa flash gets back into action as soon as possible. He's a great football prospect and a great guy. Get well quick Gus, we're all for you!

SPORTS SQUIBS FROM HERE AND THERE; A FEW NOTES ON SOUTHWEST CONF TEAMS

The Rice Institute Owls now hold the SWC drivers' seat largely because of their 27-14 win over L. S. U. and Texas' 3-0 defeat at the hands of Northwestern. . . T. C. U., too, is undefeated, but they didn't look anything like champions in defeating Arkansas 13-6. . . The Aggies gained a notch with their 19-0 win over Tech but that L. S. U. defeat has sports experts still a bit conservative on Coach Homer Norton's charges. . . This corner's conviction is that Texas is yet the team to beat for the crown, with Rice, T. C. U. and the Aggies being probable threats. . . Unless S. M. U. improves greatly they will probably wind up in the cellar. . . I'll admit Pitt Panthers had a good offensive punch but they played no better football than they did against Minnesota. . . Incidentally speaking of predictions this corner barely passed the .500 mark. . . I picked 9 out of 16 games, which is a pretty sorry mark. . . Rice, Baylor, and Tulsa University were the best picks of the day. . . Texas, S. M. U., Minnesota, Notre Dame etc. let themselves be upset, doggone it! . . . The St. Louis Cardinals are in! . . . When Whitey Kurowski, their rookie third-baseman, slapped that homerun with Johnny Hopp on base in the ninth inning, it was a \$6,000 dollar hit, for it was just that each Card received for winning the series. . . And, oh, yes, Lil Dimmitt won a \$10 hat from Paul Douglas, MBS radio announcer. . . Oh, well, don't say I didn't tell you so! . . . Give Otto Payne, the hard-running Aggie soph a great pat on the back for his exhibition Saturday. . . Otto gave a grand imitation of John

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Highlights of Saturday's Game



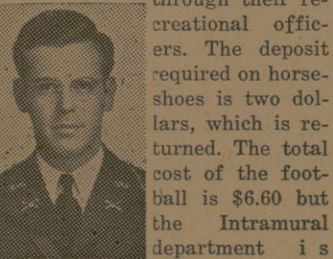
Shown above are reasons why the Aggies out-classed the Texas Tech Raiders on Kyle Field last Saturday. Top photo shows Sophomore Otto Payne crashing through for six yards and a first down early in the third quarter. Johnny Davis (No. 60) is shown coming into the play. Middle picture shows Vernon Belville, triple-threat sophomore ace, scattering for 12 yards in the last period. Henry Foldberg (81) reserve end is leading the play. Bottom shows Willie Zapalac gathering in a pass from Leo Daniels for 9 yards early in the second quarter. A minute later Daniels connected with Zapalac for a touchdown. Boots Simmons (No. 82) is following just behind.

—Photo by Phil Crown.

INTRAMURAL HIGHLITES

by Mike Mann

Athletic equipment, in the form of footballs and horseshoes, is now being issued to organizations through their recreational officers.



The deposit required on horseshoes is two dollars, which is returned. The total cost of the football is \$6.60 but the Intramural department is taking in half

needs to pay but \$3.30 for the ball and it becomes the permanent possession of the organization purchasing it.

Dewey Hoke of the Intramural department requests that all recreational officers whose outfits have not paid their five dollar intramural fee to please come down and do so at once.

Today is the last day for recreational officers to turn in the entry cards for both Class A and B sports. These cards may be given to intramural officials at the recreational officers meeting which takes place at 6 p.m. today in the CE Lecture room. All recreational officers are urged to be present as several important points will be discussed and new rulings will be revealed. Changes which have been made in the eligibility rules and playing rules will be announced at this time.

ter's sports will begin tomorrow and the completed schedules will be sent to all organizations before the end of the week.

The participation figures for the past semester have just been compiled by Hoke who handles the statistical end of the intramural department. The total participation in Class A sports is 5,284 and the Class B figure stands at 4,765; making a total of 10,049 men participating in all sports and classes. The number of different students participating in Class A sports is 2,311 and the number for Class B is 1,373; bringing up a total of 3,684 different students who took part in the summer intramural program. These figures show that interest in intramural sessions in Aggeland has not waned. All except a few sports showed a decided increase in participation figures.

In the normal school year from September, 1941, to May, 1942, 16 different sports were offered by department during the two semester session with a total participation of 24,021. During the 1942 summer session, only five sports were offered and the total participation was computed to be 10,149. Thus, with less than the usual number of sports being offered it is seen that the interest is still high.

There will be a meeting to discuss the rules of touch football Thursday at 6 p.m. in the closed end of the Kyle Field stadium.

Aggie Fish Work For Allen Fray

Coach Lil Dimmitt and his assistants, Bill Buchanan, Euel Wesson and Charlie Stevenson are shooting the works to the Texas Aggie freshmen as they prepare for their initial game Wednesday October 14 against Allen Academy on Kyle Field.

Blocking, tackling and passing drills highlight the freshman practice. At times, the Fish amble over to the varsity practice field to give the Nortommen a stiff workout. At other times the freshmen A and B teams clash against each other in an old fashioned scrimmage affair.

So far, the coaches are not set on their starting lineup but have indicated who some of the boys might be. Ends are plentiful and the positions still are unclaimed. Roland Phillips and George Strohmeyer seem to have a slight edge at guard while James Presley is almost in a class by himself at the pivot spot. Tackles are still a question mark although Line-Coach Wesson can boast of numerous heavyweight gridsters.

The backfield still is uncertain with only Marion (Pete) Flanagan, Sweetwater's sensational fullback, being certain of a starting berth. Until his recent accident, Gus White of Lamesa was a sure starter. Others showing up well include Beryl Baty, backfield star from Paris, Desmond Zock of Port Arthur and a few more.

Besides the Allen game, two other frays are scheduled at present—tilts with Rice Slimes and the Texas Shorthorns. Coach Dimmitt is also attempting to schedule games with Ellington Field and the Waco Flying School but nothing definite has been announced as yet.

Daniels, Henderson and Bucek Lead Cadets to 19-0 Win Over T Tech Sat

The Texas Aggies lived up to prediction Saturday and came bouncing back with a 19-0 defeat of the Texas Tech Red Raiders. The victory was much more complete than the score indicated, since the Aggies were in complete command of the situation from the opening gun.

It took only one minute and 54 seconds for the crowd to realize that the Aggies meant business and were out to show the world that the L. S. U. game was just a mistake. The Aggies kicked off to the Red Raiders to open the contest and Callahan made a nice run back to the Tech 35 yard line. Two tries at the Aggie line netted a minus eight yards for the Raiders, and on third down they elected to kick. The entire center of the Aggie line poured through to block the punt, but the Red Raiders recovered, and, on his second attempt Callahan got off a nice punt.

Leo Daniels, playing safety man for the Aggies, gathered in the punt on the Aggie 45 yard line set sail for the Tech goal line 55 yards away. Behind the beautiful blocking of Bill Henderson, who incidentally took three men out of the play, and Felix Bucek, Leo ambled all the way to paydirt for the first Aggie touchdown of the game.

The second Aggie touchdown came via the aerial route. After several short passes netted two first downs, Daniels shot a pass to Bill Henderson who made a beautiful leaping catch, and then flipped a lateral to Boots Simmons who was trailing him on the play.

This put the ball on the Tech 12 yard line. From this point Daniels threw a bullet pass to Willie Zapalac who gathered in the ball on the Tech five and smashed his way over with a Tech man hanging on his back.

At this point Coach Norton began experimenting with various combinations of both backs and linemen, and also gave his sophomores some needed experience. However, the Aggies were not to be stopped and the third touchdown came when a sustained Aggie drive from midfield culminated in Otto Payne's plunging over from the one yard line for the score.

Although the Aggies won the contest handily, several rough (See AGGIES, Page 4)

TUMBLING TEAM

The Aggie Tumbling Team will meet today at 6 o'clock in the Ex-Students' Lounge of the old YMCA, announces Bobby Stephens. All old members are urged to attend and any fish or frogs who are interested in tumbling are cordially invited to come to the meeting.

A few old members are returning to the team but the squad is in need of a number of new men. Practice sessions are held during the week in the gym.

The Tumbling Team gives a number of exhibitions during the year; the most of which occur during the half at home basketball games.

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