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Ags Work on Defense This Week

Come Out of SMU
Victory in Good
Shape; Rice Next

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Defense Against Ground Attacks Will Have to Improve if Nortonmen Are to Win Over Rice

It is not a usual thing for this writer to take a pessimistic view as to the team's chances especially after a thrilling victory, but I just don't feel safe in regard to this week's game with the Rice Owls.

True, the Aggies met the best passing team of this conference in SMU, but that's not what is worrying me. It's the fact that the Mustangs were able to garner 95 yards through the Cadet forward wall that has me a bit doubtful of the outcome next Saturday. If the Ponies are able to make that many yards rushing, what do you think a team like Rice, which boasts to have one of the best if not the best running game in the league, can do?

Well, that particular question has the Aggie coaches worried and don't think that both Coaches Homer Norton and Bill James won't subject their charges to long hours of defensive drill, both passing and running. Admitting that the Aggie pass defense against the Ponies wasn't anything to brag about, that particular department should show vast improvement against the Owls, who have only a so-so aerial attack.

The Aggie line filtered like a sieve at times Saturday, and, although most of the players contended that the Dallasites were the best blockers they had faced this year, the fact still remained that SMU, considered to have a decidedly weak ground game, was able to gain so many yards. Rice has a big and hefty line, one capable of doing twice the damage.

But aside that defense, the Aggie offense was brilliant, one capable of running up scores at an undesignated period. When the

sports writers and radio announcers start picking their top "rookie" of the year in Southwest Conference football something will really be rotten in Denmark if that honor does not fall to Barney Welch, the fine Texas Aggie sophomore triple-threatener. The way he ran, passed and kicked against SMU is enough proof for this observer that Barney is the best sophomore back in this conference. He is as cool as a cucumber and certainly has the poise and accuracy to become a great passer.



However, don't take anything away from Lightning Leo Daniels for the swivel-hipped Aggie ace played a wonderful game Saturday. His running was especially grand and his passes were needling that thread with ample accuracy. None of those lobbish kind but instead bullet and straight-to-the-mark type of aeriels.

The line, though a bit groggy at the start played a fine game. Felix Bueck, Bill Sibley, Bill Henderson, Boots Simmons, and Hank Foldberg starred in that forward wall!

It's Rice next, so let's start thinking of that game! It's going to be a tough row to hoe but with the right support we have a good chance to win.

STAR OF THE WEEK DEPARTMENT..... Barney Welch, Texas Aggie sophomore sensation, who chunked three touchdowns to lead the Ags to a 27-20 victory over the SMU Mustangs!

Sports Squibs From Here and There; Looks Like Texas Is the Conference's '42 Champ

A few conference notes . . . it looks very definitely like Texas is the 1942 conference champ. . . for a time we figured on an upset win by TCU next week when the two team collide in the game of the week at Fort Worth but after the Frog showing at Lubbock, it's gonna take more than a prayer to beat the Longhorns. . . Baylor's luck ran out as predicted by this writer when they fell before Texas 20-0 . . . the Aggies have a fine chance to gain at least second place in the conference standings if they can overcome their next two opponents—Rice and Texas. . . TCU and Baylor, a bit awed by their respective defeats last week, will have a tough job ahead of them. . .

TCU has Texas, Rice and SMU, while the Bears have the Herculean job of slaying Tulsa, Rice, and SMU. . . After SMU's fine showing against the Aggies Saturday, I believe the Mustangs will be double tough in coming games. . . they have a fine passer in Frito Gonzales, one who will bring the Ponies a few coveted conference victories. . . Cullen Rogers, Aggie Quarter-back, is slowly but surely creeping up on the conference scoring lead, which at presently is held by Jackie Field of Texas. . . he was No. 7 in the scoring parade last week but his two touchdowns against SMU brought the Aggie star to No. 3, only two points behind (See KYLE FIELD, Page 4)

Yesterday afternoon found the Texas Aggies hard at work in preparation for their clash with the always dangerous Rice Owls. After their 27-20 hair-raising win over the SMU Mustangs, the team showed plenty of spirit in their workout. Pass defense came in for plenty of attention during the drill as it was in this department that the Aggies were rather shaky in the Pony clash.

The Owls are conceded to have a stronger line than any the Aggies have faced this year, and the Cadets are expected to have plenty of trouble. The Owls are pointing for the Aggie clash especially, for it has been seven long years 1935 was the last time, since Rice has beaten the Aggies.

Big guns in the tricky Owls offense are Dick Dwelle, flashy fullback who is running in the spot vacated last year by the great Bob Brumley, and Virgil Eikenberg, sophomore tailback who has been the sparkplug of the Owl attack all season. Another feature of the versatile Owls is the great kicking of J. C. "Stoop" Dickson, one of the finest punters in the conference.

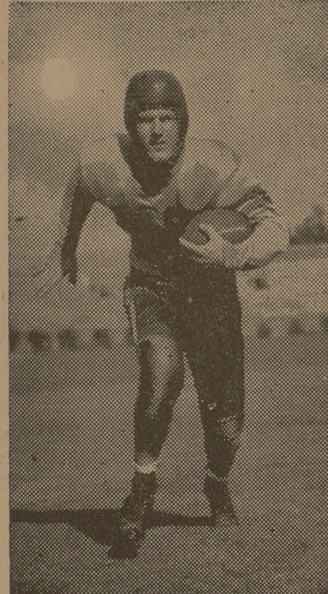
The Owls in the past few years have always been, exceptionally strong on their ground game, built around the tricky spin plays of Coach Jess Neely, and this year have added quite a passing attack featuring the accurate throwing arm of sophomore Eikenberg. The league leading Texas Longhorns managed to just barely squeeze by the Owls to the tune of 12-7 which would give some idea of the strength of the Houston team.

The Aggies came out of the SMU clash in good physical shape, as did the Owls in their clash with Arkansas, so both teams will be in excellent condition for Saturday's game barring injuries in practice.

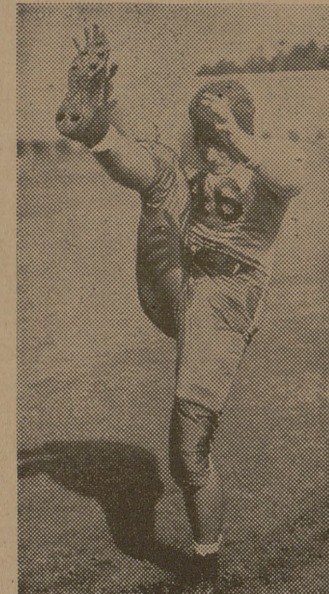
They Star for Rice Owls



Dick Dwelle, Back



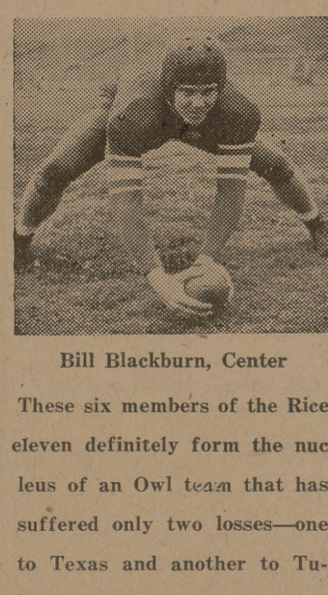
Virgil Eikenberg, Back



Stoop Dickson, Back



Ted Boannon, Tackle



Bill Blackburn, Center

These six members of the Rice eleven definitely form the nucleus of an Owl team that has suffered only two losses—one to Texas and another to Tulane.



Don Stephens, Back

Williamson Places Texas In First Ten; Aggies Gain Notch

By Paul B. Williamson

The Georgia Bulldogs took a tighter hold on their No. 1 football spot of the nation with a preponderous 75 to 0 score over the Florida Gators. Most of the scoring was done by Georgia's reserve strength although All-American Frankie Sinkwich was in there long enough to gallop off two touchdowns and toss for a couple more.

For the first time since conference play began a Southwest team moved into the first ten. Texas U. crashed into one of the coveted spots with a 20 to 0 blanking of Baylor. This now sets the Longhorns down in 8th place. Moving into the first ten along with Texas was Ohio State, who smothered the Pitt Panthers 59 to 19. Texas and Ohio State replaced L. S. U. and Michigan, who dropped to No. 11 and No. 13 respectively.

While Navy toppling Penn 7-0 may be looked upon as an upset and likewise Minnesota going down before Indiana by the same score, remember that the System warned last week that both these games "might be upsets". The prediction story went out of the way to give warning on them.

Perfect Team	Points
1 Georgia	100.0
2 Georgia Tech	99.4
3 Boston Col.	98.1
4 Notre Dame	97.8
5 Tulsa	96.5
6 Alabama	96.1
7 Wisconsin	95.7
8 Texas U.	95.6
9 Ohio State	95.0
10 Tennessee	94.9
11 L. S. U.	94.7

(See Williamson Picks, page 4)

Aggie Fish Face Stern Test in Clash With Unbeaten Rice Slimes Here Thurs

The undefeated Texas Aggie Fish are working hard in preparation for their sternest test to date—their clash with the Rice Institute Slimes next Thursday afternoon on Kyle Field. Boasting their strongest lineup since the days of John Kimbrough and Co., the Fish have come through their two previous starts of the season with comparative ease. They took Allen Academy into camp by the score of 25 to 8, and then on the following week swamped a team from Camp Hood 71 to 0.

Although they are also undefeated but tied, the Slimes from Rice have had considerable trouble this season. They outlasted Allen 13 to 6, and then smothered the Ellington Field Fliers 40 to 0. However, they were tied by the Yearlings of Texas U. 7 to 7 last month. In comparing the strength of the two teams, the Aggies trounced Allen with ease 25 to 8, while Rice had trouble with the same team in eaking out with a 13 to 6 decision. The Slimes do boast a strong attack this year which is centered around a triple-threat back named Nick Lanza, who they say, does everything exceptionally well.

Sparking the strong Aggie Fish in the backfield are a couple of boys named Marion Flanagan and Buyrl Baty. Both of these former all-state backs have gone wild in previous games. Baty, a former star from Paris, is one of the best passers ever to come to A.

& M. In fact, Lil Dimmitt, head freshman coach, says that he is the best passer he ever saw play on a freshman team. Baty passes with all the coolness of a veteran and has compiled a remarkable average so far this season. Co-starring with Baty has been Marion Flanagan from Sweetwater, who last year in high school led the state in

scoring. On the Fish squad he has taken up where he left off last year and has run wild. In the two games this season he has not even been close to stopped.

Also starring in the backfield are Gus White, the Lamesa Flash, and David Daily, phenomenal crashing back from Richmond. Both of (See AGGIE FISH, Page 4)

INTRAMURAL HIGHLITES

by Mike Mann

H. L. Ramage and C. J. Rogers sparked C Infantry to a 28-9 win over C Engineers in a Class A basketball match as Ramage scored 10 points and Rogers accounted for eight. Y. B. Johnson was high-

point man with eight points as B Replacement Center nosed out the Artillery Band by a score of 13-10. Machine Gun Cavalry eased by 7 Corps Headquarters with a 17-15 score as Rhouprich accounted for 10 points.

A 20-yard penetration was the deciding factor in a Class B football match between B Infantry and B Chemical Warfare which ended in a scoreless tie. The penetration by B Infantry won the game for them. 3rd Corps Headquarters defeated American Legion 13-2 while D Coast Artillery took A Replacement Center 12-7.

FORFEIT DOGHOUSE
Class A
2 Headquarters Field Artillery, tennis
S. E. Cook led the F Infantry

Class B basketballers to an 18-16 victory over the Headquarters Cavalry team. Cooke came through with eight points. Other Class B

Cross Country Team Meets Texas Here in First Test

Johnny Zeigler, Two-Mile Ace, Set Record Last Year; Will Attempt Again Today

The Texas Aggie cross-country team will make its debut this afternoon when they meet the Texas University Longhorn runners in Aggeland. This will be a dual event in preparation for the conference meet which will take place in Austin November 21. The time for this afternoon's race has been tentatively set for 3:30 p.m. The starting place for the race will be at the DeWare Field House and the closing point will be the bugle stand at the old YMCA.

The record time for this event was set by Aggie Johnny Zeigler, last year's conference champion, who ran the two and one-half mile course in 12 minutes and 10 seconds. Zeigler will be entered in today's race.

Other Aggies who will take part in the event are: Joe Vajdos, Karnes City; Murrell McGlothlin, Bartlett; Tommy Winn, Dallas; John Cheatham, Amarillo; Don Frye, Fort Worth; and Frank Bibbs, Edinburg. All of these men have not had much time to workout on the course as this is their initial race for the year but they are expected to be in shape for the conference meet in Austin.

The Texas team, coached by Clyde Littlefield, will be sparked by "Mac" Umstadt, 1940 conference champion, and Jerry Thompson, flashy sophomore from Dallas. These two stars make the Longhorns the favorites in this afternoon's race.

Research in methods of storing high-octane gasoline and preventing its deterioration is in progress at the University of Texas.



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