

# A&M Pits Aerial Circus Against Rice Power



## Owls Seek Initial Win In Five Years Today

Close Battle Expected; Could Be Decided By Placekicking of Webster or Bowen

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Menu for today on Rice Field in Houston: A crushing unrelenting ground attack versus the aerial circus! That is what's in store for approximately 30,000 fans, including some 3,000 member Cadet Corps, when they file into Rice stadium to witness the battle between the fast-moving Rice Institute Owls and the crafty and air-minded Aggies of Texas A.&M. College this afternoon at 2:30.

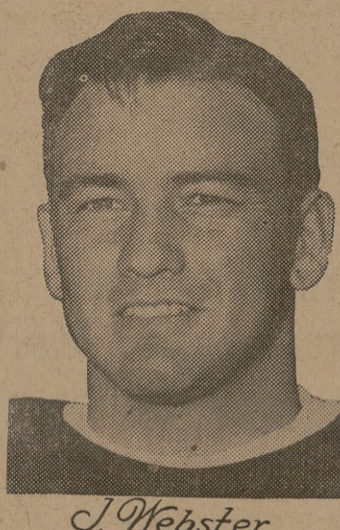
Not since 1937 when the Owls copped the conference crown have the two teams been so evenly matched in every respect and that particular characteristic has those thousands of fans on edge in prelude to the kickoff.

The Owls, although not accomplishing anything sensational this season, sport a slightly better record than the Aggies. They have suffered only two defeats—and 18-7 deficit to Tulane and a heart-

exceptional running and passing have proved to be more than an asset to Coach Norton. Welch has thrown some dozen passes and four of these have connected for touch-



Lindsay Bowen



J. Webster

breaking 12-7 loss to Texas university. In other games, the Houston team has proven to be a stand-out and at times looked like the conference champ.

Meanwhile, the Texas Aggies, starting their season off listlessly, have climbed steadily and now have gained the respect of the conference. They are on the comeback trail and each week has found Coach Homer Norton's charges vastly improved.

Responsible for that sudden rejuvenation has been the Aggies' find of the year—Barney Welch, cool-headed 170-pound triple-threat sophomore, who has been giving the opponents all sorts of fits. His prime specialty is kicking, but his

downs. Last week Barney threw three aeriels which accounted for three of the four scores made by the Ags against SMU.

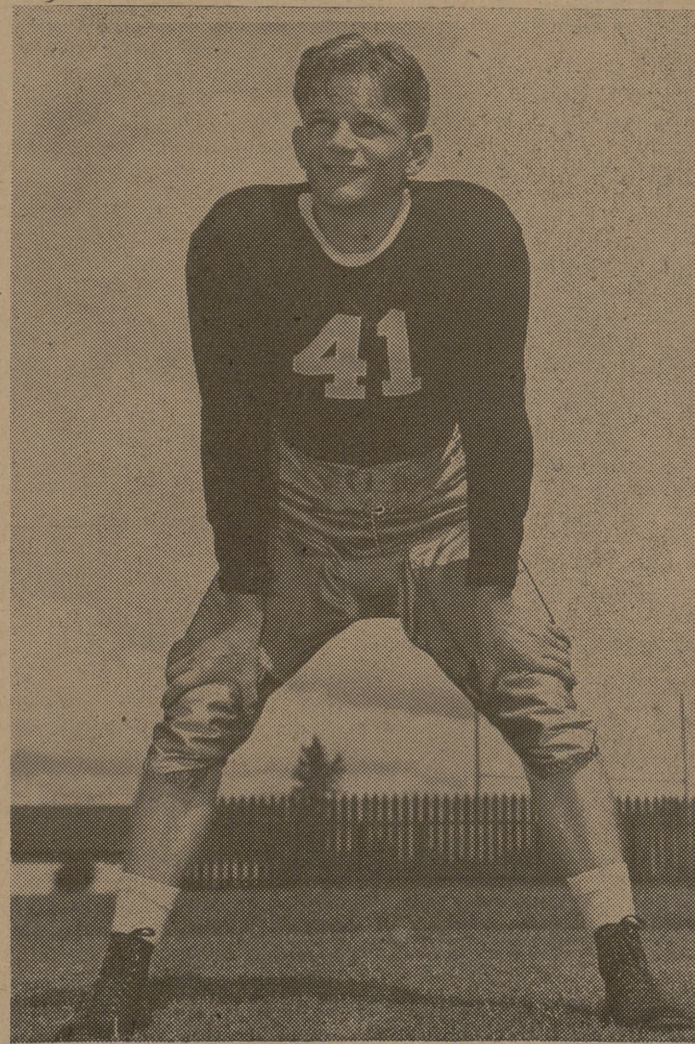
However, Welch is not the only (See AGGIES, Page 4)

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### Aggie Ammunition



Barney Welch

## Fish Rally To Down Slimes 13-6

Haltom and White Star in Thrill Packed Battle

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The Texas Aggie Fish drove 88 yards in the final three minutes of the ball game Thursday afternoon to defeat the Rice Slimes 13 to 6 in a hair-raiser which kept the crowd on edge until the final gun.

Early in the game the Fish passing ace Buryl Baty was forced to retire on account of an injured ankle, and it looked for a while as if the vaunted Fish aerial attack might be stopped for the first time this year. But into the game to replace him came a diminutive 170 pound lad from Bryan by the name of Bart Haltom, and he soon proved plenty capable of filling the injured Baty's shoes.

Easily the standout of the contest, Haltom ran and passed in a manner which brought the crowd to its feet on several occasions. Also a standout for the Fish was Gus White, hard driving fullback, who accounted for plenty of yardage for the Fish. Sparkplugs of the Slime attack which consisted mainly of a slashing ground game were John Kelley and Red Rogers who picked up numerous gains through the Fish line.

The Slimes opened the scoring for the afternoon early in the second quarter. With the ball on their own ten yard line, the Fish fumbled, and Mayo, Rice guard, recovered on the nine. Kelly crashed over in two tries from this

(See AGGIE FISH, Page 4)

## Picking Ags, Texas and SMU to Win; Also Baylor Over Tulsa in Top Upset of Nation

There's something in the air today, and I have a funny feeling that the prognosticators who attempt to pick this Saturday's winners are going to be in for a surprise. Yes sir, fans, upsets are in the air, and a few teams sporting a spotless record will fall by the wayside today.

In the Southwest Conference, the teams are matched so closely that not even the best crystal-gazer could forecast these casts with any amount of confidence.

But, there's no use of dilly-dallying around, so if you're ready, here's this corner's selections for the day:

TEXAS A&M 14, RICE 13—Too close for comfort. I'm going against all dope in picking the Aggies, but do believe that the famed Norton aerial display will be a little too much for the Owls. However, I look for the Rice running game to give the Nortonmen plenty of trouble—enough trouble for two touchdowns. It'll be up to the unerring toe of Jake Webster, so don't say we didn't warn you.

SMU 27, ARKANSAS 7—Looks like the Mustangs have finally found themselves and with Frito Gonzales supplying the ammunition, it should be a walk-away for

Jimmy Stewart's Ponies. Arkansas is a good team in mid-field but just can't deliver when the chips are down. They've lost 15 consecutive conference games and there's no reason why they'll stop now.

BAYLOR 7, TULSA 6—Our long shot of the day. By any sense of reasoning the mighty Hurricane of Tulsa University should be given a three to four touchdown edge over the Baylor Bears, but here's a hunch that the good ole Baylor line will deliver once more when they weren't given a Chinaman's chance. It's awful risky to pick an upset like this but I've got a feeling that the Golden Hurricane will fall from the undefeated list. This should prove to be a major triumph for the Southwest Conference!

TEXAS U 7, TCU 0—Most experts believe that if there's going to be an upset this game is it. For a long time, this writer had that same belief, but after the Frogs' half-hearted showing against Texas Tech last week, I just don't believe that Coach Dutch Meyer's charges can turn the trick. However, watch for a very close game, especially since Roy Dale McKay, the Texas U sensation, is not in the best of shape.

## Predictions From Here and There; Taking Notre Dame Over Michigan in Top Attraction

Glancing over the other games of the nation, it's Notre Dame over Michigan (give Bertelli the margin), Minnesota to come bouncing back against the wonder team of Iowa U (don't believe the Hawkeyes can do it twice in a row), Georgia Tech to dump Alabama but in a very close game, Wisconsin over Northwestern by 7, Navy over Columbia, LSU by 6 over Auburn, Brown in an upset over Harvard, Tennessee in a breeze over Ole Miss, Boston College to continue undefeated at the expense of Fordham and Missouri taking the measure of Oklahoma.

Continuing, it's Ohio State over

Illinois but surprisingly close, Tulane over Georgia Preflight (surprise), Indiana over Kansas State by any margin it chooses, Army over VPI by 20, Washington State over Dartmouth in a shade, Penn over Penn State, Kansas over Iowa State by a nose, Nebraska over Pittsburg in a free-scoring affair, Mississippi State over Duquesne by two touchdowns, Georgetown over North Carolina State, Stanford over Oregon State by 6, Southern California to run roughshod over Oregon, Princeton over Yale and Purdue over Michigan State in one of the surprises of the afternoon.

## A Bull's Eye Isn't On A Bull To Him

# Russell Cook, Marksman Deluxe, Is Former Puerto Rican Ranger

By Mike Mann  
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An outstanding figure on the shooting scene at A. & M. for the past three years has been Russell T. Cook, the captain of the 1942-43 Pistol and Rifle Team. Ever since he entered A. & M. as a fish in 1939, Cook has been amazing all spectators with his marksman ship.

Russell is a senior in 3rd Headquarters Field Artillery and is majoring in Civil Engineering; he will receive his degree in January along with a commission in Uncle Sam's Army.

A native of Puerto Rico, where his father is a Deputy United States Customs Collector, Cook was raised and attended both grammar school and high school on that island. He graduated from Central High School in San Juan in June, 1936.

After he left high school Russell spent three years working in Puer-

to Rico. A year was spent as a life guard on the Puerto Rican beaches in the employ of the island government. The following year he was a life guard for the U. S. Forest Service in the Luquilla National Forest and then a year was spent as a forest ranger.

Cook took up target shooting at the age of 12 and he's been at it ever since. In 1939 he was selected to be a member of the Puerto Rico rifle team entered in the U. S. National Matches at Camp Perry, Ohio. This match lasted two weeks and after its conclusion his team made a two months shooting tour through the U. S.—the scenes of one of the matches being the Pan American Exposition in Dallas.

As a rifle team representative of Puerto Rico in the Central American Olympics (including all of the Americas south of the Rio Grande), Cook took many honors. In the trial shots he set a record for the sitting position that has not

been broken to this day. On the standing positions he was three points behind the Olympic Champion, Governor Winship, military governor of Puerto Rico, presented Cook with his Olympic awards.

In 1939, he made arrangements to enter A. & M. in September. He again accompanied the Puerto Rican rifle team to Camp Perry and on the way home he enrolled at A. & M.

During his first year here Cook made the rifle and pistol teams and the Field Artillery pistol Team. He has been on the varsity team ever since. Russell acted as secretary-treasurer of the rifle team in 1941-42 and is the captain of both the rifle and pistol teams for the current year. He has won 11 medals since he has been at A. & M. and estimates that he has fired in an average of 20 matches as per year in each pistol and rifle competition.

Incidentally, Cook uses his own equipment—rifles, pistols, and incidental equipment. He owns three target pistols and a target rifle.

Cook says the most exciting match he ever entered was the Olympic matches at Colon, Panama, in 1938. However, running a close second is the match with the Texas State College for Women Rifle team in 1940. The Aggie team defeated the girls in the match and then offered to give them a handicap, in another match. In this shoot the Cadets were defeated.

This match attracted the attention of beautiful Ann Sheridan, a former Denton girl, who attended TSCW. Miss Sheridan wired congratulations to the team on their gallantry. She had been selected by (See COOK, Page 4)

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