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### A Salute to the 1942 Aggie Football Team; Never-Say-Die Spirit and Hustle Predominate

Hats off to those 1942 edition of a fightin' Aggie team! We are proud of you, boys, proud of your "never-say-die" spirit, proud of the way you fought your hearts out for us especially in that Texas game. Yes, you lost some games, you lost quite a few games in fact, but that doesn't take anything away from your magnificent hustle.

You're still the No. 1 team of the nation as far as the 7000 cadets of A&M College are concerned. You don't have to win every darned game before we consider you to be our team! All you have to do is just put out and that you did all year with plenty to spare.

Coach Homer Norton and Bill James produced a fine football team, one much better than the conference standings indicate. Lady Luck may have been on our side last year but that dear old thing snubbed us during this session. No opposing team ever realized victory over the Aggies until the final minutes of play because the boys who wore the Maroon and White emblem of Aggeland didn't ever hear of the word quit!

They fought for us every inch of the way and they fought in the manner of champs. There is no Southwest Conference flag flying atop Kyle Field this year but the

Aggies of Coach Homer Norton know that they did their bit and in a convincing style.

When a player goes through half of a game with three broken ribs and another plays with knocked shoulder and still another with a separated shoulder then there must be more than meets the eye. Felix Bucek, Willie Zapalac and Cullen Rogers all played with the aforementioned disadvantages and only went further to prove of the superb spirit and fight of a Texas Aggie team.

Yessir, such a spirit deserves more than just a mere mention. When a team fights so gallantly as our Aggies have this year, then they deserve all sorts of orchids one can dish out.

As mentioned, they didn't win any conference laurels, but, brother, you can bet your bottom dollar that the paid customers received their money's worth any time they invested \$2.50 for a football ticket to see the Aggies play.

So our hats, all 7000 of them, go off to you—the members of the 1942 team, who, although not winning your share of games, gave the staunch Cadet partisans their share of thrills throughout the campaign!

### Unheralded and Unpublicized Boots Simmons Should Be on Every All-Conference Selection

And while this writer is in a sentimental mood, I might as well give credit where credit is due. There probably have been greater football ends than Elvis (Boots) Simmons, but I doubt if they ever were more consistent than the Somerville ace!

I would even go as far as to say that Boots is the best end this conference has seen not only this year but in the past five years. Sure, most sports writers and many fans would say that was the bunk, but those patrons and scribes that watched Simmons closely through every game will readily back the writer in that statement.

Throughout the year it's been Boots who did the dirty work, it's been Boots who cleared the path to that promised land, and it's been Boots who dealt that interference a mortal blow while the linebacker was making the tackle.

He hasn't got any publicity or even credit for the things that he did accomplish, but if you think that bothered Simmons you're slightly off the beam. He didn't give a hoot what the sports writers did, who they picked on their all-conference teams. He just played hard, with only one thought in mind—that of helping the Aggies win a game.

Homer Norton knows it, and Uncle Bill James knows it. Without the ever-dependable Boots Simmons, the Aggie defense would be



*E. Simmons*

like a machine without a motor. He made it click, and along with durable Willie Zapalac, gave the Aggies what experts called one of the best defensive teams in the conference.

All-Conference teams have already been named. Sure, Boots will be left out of most of those mythical elevens because he was not the flashy sort of the player or the publicized type. But if I do pick one man on the Battalion All-Conference team, certainly the name of Boots Simmons will grace the top!

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

... A few conference notes ... Well, as predicted by this writer, Georgia Tech was invited to the Cotton Bowl ... Following the TU game Thursday I predicted that the loser of the Georgia-Georgia Tech game would be the Cotton Bowl invitee and the winner to go to the Rose Bowl ... Rice Institute looked like a champ in its past three tilts ... I saw them in two of the games, Baylor and A&M, and they certainly looked better than Texas U although the latter did show plenty of football ability against the Aggies Thanksgiving week. ... If it had played the kind of ball at the start of the year that it did later in the season, Rice would be wearing that crown instead of Texas ... Jackie Field's performance against the Aggies raised the Mission boy's aspirations for an all-conference post ... He's easily tops in our STAR OF THE WEEK DEPARTMENT for this week ... As if this football season wasn't screwy enough, Holy Cross comes in to stage the top upset of 'em all by crushing hitherto undefeated and untied Boston College, 55-12 ... A 7-6 Holy Cross victory would be a sensational upset enough, but that 55-12 shellacking must have been something the sports writers are still trying to think of ... Poor old Jinx Tucker of the Waco Tribune was having his troubles when Baylor played against Rice ... The Houston sports scribes were giving Jinx all kinds of razzing for even intimating that Buddy Gatewood was a better center than Rice's Bill Blackburn but imagine Tucker's face when Buddy complied to his request and made some 60 percent of all of the Baylor tackles besides turning in a wonderful offensive game ... The big Bear pivot man made Blackburn look like an amateur, although the latter did make a fine showing ... And here's something interesting ... Noah Beery, Jr., more commonly known as Pidge to his Hollywood buddies, used to be a rough and tough fullback in his high school days ... Yep, you guessed it, he made the all-star team ... Well, Pidge, if

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# Ags Resume Stiff Drills for Wash State



**WASHINGTON STATE STARS**—Here are some of the gridsters who carry the hopes of the Washington State Cougars. Top, left to right, Fred Baker, 206 quarterback; Bob Kennedy, ace Cougar ball totter; and Jelly Anderson, stellar end. Center, left to right, Jim Boyle, rangy quarterback and Tom Branigan, another topflight back. Bottom, left to right, Jim Thompson, star flinger; Jack Godfrey, a superb guard; and Jim Wright, enormous 207 tackle.

## Take It Easy Mon As Injured Players Receive Respite

Coach Homer Norton's Texas Aggies had a relatively easy afternoon Monday and most of the time was spent in resting the Cadet injuries.

Most of the Maroon team came out in a pretty good shape out of the Texas fray but there were quite a few that needed extra attention. Leo Daniels, the rampaging Aggie threat and Associated Press All-Conference selection, received a jolt on his ankle and that is still quite bothersome to the Cadet ace. Felix Bucek, the Aggie All-American candidate, suffered three broken ribs, but is expected to be ready for Washington State next Saturday at San Antonio.

The other two Ags "cripples" Willie Zapalac and Cullen Rogers are doing nicely although the former added a knee injury to his knocked down shoulder. However, all that should be straightened before the Ags trek out for Santone for their season's finale against Washington State.

Both Coaches Norton and Bill James spent considerable time yesterday afternoon studying the Cougar offense. Scout Manning Smith was unable to give the Tacoma team a once-over because of transportation difficulties etc, so the coaching staff made most of their study on Washington through dope books and other facilities.

Coach Norton indicated that the Cadets will be put through stiff drills this afternoon and Wednesday in preparation for their battle with the Pacific Coast eleven. Norton went on to warn his charges that nothing soft will be in store for them and that Washington State will be seeking revenge for last year's 7-0 defeat and also will be seeking added prestige to their Rose Bowl hopes.

Reports coming in from San Antonio, that, despite the gas rationing, officials expect an overflow crowd of over 20,000 fans to file into Alamo Stadium for the Aggie-Cougar fracas.

Prospective army fliers in Chicago are invited to call upon sorority girls—for lessons in mathematics.

The pre-army study course is offered by girls of Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority to help any air-minded men needing instruction and, possibly, to supply a bit of oomph to induce enlistment of aviation cadets.

west League semi-pro football team, last season and made everybody's all star team as fullback in addition to leading the conference in rushing.

Jay Stoves, W. S. C.'s 198-pound tailback, is no slouch at hitting the line, for he was a fullback in high school, and a dandy. His speed, he is one of the very fastest on team, and weight make him a difficult man to stop.

## Wash State Has Potent Back Squad

### Bob Kennedy, Ace Line-Backer, Heads Great Array of Backs

When the Washington State Cougars bring their powerful football team to San Antonio for the game with Texas A. & M. on December 5, the Aggies will have the greatest assortment of Cougar backfield power in the Pullman school's history to stop.

To size the situation up in one short statement, there are four W. S. C. backs who have been starting fullbacks in Pacific Coast conference games at one time or another during the past three years.

The list, topped by Bob Kennedy, perhaps the best line cracker in the nation, includes his reserve, Frank Londres, 202-pounder who started contests two and three seasons ago; Dick Renfro, 190-pound quarterback, and Earl Brenneis, 177-pound right halfback.

Renfro was the regular fullback starter throughout the season two years ago, and single-handedly smashed some 55 yards to score a fourth quarter touchdown against the great Stanford team of that year. He laid out of school last year, and Brenneis started the first few games at the fullback spot.

Then Kennedy, in mid-season, was switched from quarterback, where he had done an excellent job of blocking, to the fullback spot to give more power. He ran for touchdowns of 4, 50, and 85 yards in his first big game at that spot, as W. S. C. beat Idaho 26 to 0.

The best Brenneis has been able to do this year is to play first reserve behind 190-pound Frank Akins at the wingback position. Akins himself is a fullback. He played tailback behind the great Bill Sewell for two seasons and then laid out last year. Akins played fullback for the West Seattle Yellowjackets, undefeated North-

## Williamson Rates Texas No 12 Nat'l

### Aggies Gain Notch For Superb Showing Against TU Thurs

Grudge games, traditional collegiate battles on the gridiron—almost unpredictable stuff for the forecaster—pack every Thanksgiving week. And this was no exception. Eight of the upsets must be classed as toss-up games—they could have gone either way. The statistical efficiency of the system was 88.5 per cent correct—also the lowest of the season.

Now to get down to last week's really big upsets, all of which occurred on Saturday; Holy Cross 55, Boston College 12; Kansas State 19, Nebraska 0; Fordham 6, North Carolina Preflight 0, and Oklahoma A. & M. 33, Detroit 6.

After all is said and done there weren't so many real upsets, but enough did occur to cause some shaking up in the rankings of the top teams. Georgia, by downing Georgia Tech 34 to 0, forged back into the No. 1 position in spite of the previous week's defeat that Auburn handed the Bulldogs 27 to 13.

Tulsa is the only undefeated and untied major team of the 1942 season. It is believed that this is the only time such a thing has happened in this country. Normally there are anywhere from three to half a dozen all-winning major outfits in the nation.

Tulsa might well deserve the No. 1 spot in the nation instead of No. 2. However, a comparison of their schedule with that of Georgia shows that undoubtedly the latter's Bulldogs with their All-American back Frankie Sinkwich and end George Poschner played the much harder group of opponents. As one example—and that the latest—it was much more of a feat to tumble a great Georgia Tech 34 to 0 than for Tulsa to swamp an in-and-out Arkansas by 40 to 7.

Leading games scheduled through November 28, 1942

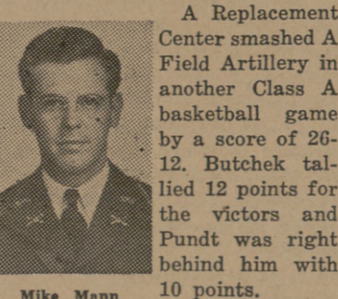
Perfect Team	100.0
1 Georgia U.	98.6
2. Tulsa	98.1
3. Georgia Tech	97.6
4 Wisconsin	97.3

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# INTRAMURAL HIGHLITES

by Mike Mann

E. R. Seidensticker and A. E. Perthuis sparked B Field Artillery to a 14-5 win over D Cavalry in a Class A basketball match. Seidensticker accounted for seven points while Perthuis scored five.



Mike Mann  
There will be a Recreational Of-

## Device Developed To Drill Gears Easily

From 24 to 32 hours per week are being saved with a device developed to speed the drilling of marine gear casings at one of General Electric's major plants.

The device, known as a universal indexing trunnion fixture, permits quick moving of the casings for drilling at any angle in a full circle and at any plane. In other words, it allows rotation of the work in the manner of both the merry-go-round and the Ferris wheel.

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ficers meeting Thursday at 6 p. m. in the Civil Engineering Lecture room. W. L. Penberthy urges the Recreational Officers of all units to be present as a number of important matters will be discussed.

B. J. Eads led C Chemical Warfare to a 19-8 victory over I Field Artillery in a Class B basketball match. Eads was high-point man with a count of eight. M Infantry took D Engineers by a score of 18-5 in a fast game as H. C. Lawson scored seven points and D. B. Rudloff tallied five times for the winning squad.

Two 40-yard penetrations gave C Coast Artillery the decision in a Class B football game with F Field Artillery. Neither team could enter the other's 20-yard zone. A Field Artillery crossed I Coast Artillery's goal line twice to score a 13-0 win over the Coast team. A Chemical Warfare defeated E Signal Corps by a similar score of 13-0.

D Cavalry and E Infantry played to a scoreless tie in a Class A football game but a 20-yard penetration gave the game to the Cavalrymen. K Infantry smothered C Chemical Warfare with a 19-0 score. F Infantry defeated C Engineers by a score of 7-0. B Infantry took Headquarters Signal Corps and G Infantry beat A Ordnance by like scores of 6-0.

The new \$500,000 Music Building of the University of Texas is to be dedicated this fall with a week-long Fine Arts Festival.

## San Antonio Game Tickets Are Now on Sale at Athletic Office

Tickets for the Washington State game to be played in San Antonio must be purchased by Thursday morning, E. W. Hooker, secretary of the Athletic Council, announced today. The tickets may be obtained from the Athletic office, instead of the "Y" desk.

Tickets may be obtained by coupon book holders by presenting the book with one dollar and twenty-three cents, according to Hooker. Date tickets may be obtained for an additional two dollars and fifty cents.

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