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Ags Rally in Second Half to Beat Randolph

Cokinos, Dawson Spark Cadets In Thrilling 54-41 Win

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Football Prospects for 1943 Season Bright Despite Possible Loss of Nucleus of Team

Now that the football season is at an end, coaches and football fans alike are looking ahead and asking the old familiar phrase, "What of next year's prospects?" Well, if there is a gridiron season, and there is every reason to believe that there will be, Coach Homer Norton's Aggies should have a wealth of material despite the fact that the A.&M. speed-up program will gobble up quite a number of the present junior stars.

During an emergency period when the country is taxed to the limit with a war, it is very difficult to envision a picture of the following year's prospects. Anything may happen between now and September, 1943, and the only way one can even get a small picture of the future of football at A.&M. is purely by guessing!

Conceding the fact that such junior stars as Leo Daniels, Bobby Williams, A. J. Mercer, Don Lue-thy and others are called into their country's service, Coaches Norton and Bill James can still boast of a hefty and powerful aggregation chiefly centered around the present crew of sophomore stars. Most of those that fall in that category will either hold military contracts or will be enrolled in some kind of reserve, whether it's the air corps or just plain enlisted reserve.

And, also, don't forget some of those prospective stars graduating from the freshman team. Many of these boys could have been considerably useful to the varsity this past year and are certain to be included in Coach Norton's plans. For example Ed Wright and Roland Phillips have played some fine ball at the tackle position for Lil Dimmitt's eleven this past fall and there were times when Coach Norton wished he could sneak 'em in on his own team.

So you see, after all, there isn't really any moaning to do for the 1943 season. True, many key men counted on to be an integral part of the football machine for 1943 will be playing ball for Uncle Sam, but that holds true for other schools as well.

Sit tight, then, and don't worry about what is on the menu for next year. Anything may happen between now and that time and probably will.

A Few Notes on High School Gridiron Race; Picking Winners in Week's Quarter-Finals

It's a funny thing to note how many Aggie football fans and for that matter of fact most college grid enthusiasts who are so interested in the outcome of the high school football race.

I've had more people come up and query me as to the outcome of the race only to shrug my shoulders and say the old familiar phrase, "I don't know." I have however, followed all the teams concerned very closely and believe I can tell the 1942 Texas high school state champion. I have seen only one team in action and that's John Reagan but that was when the Heights school in Houston had its off day.

But back to predicting the winner. Most of the sports scribes and a number of coaches believe that the Amarillo Sandies will carry off the bunting but from dope, reports and general record, I believe that the next state champ will be Lufkin Panthers! I may be wrong, without a doubt, but those boys, in and out, have shown more football ability than all of the other schools put together. They have a tough one in Breckenridge this week but I believe they'll triumph by a two-touchdown victory!

Now to have some arguments with some of the readers. Here you are folks — this writer's guesses and I do mean guesses for this week's high school play-offs:

Lufkin 27, Breckenridge 13
Amarillo 33, San Angelo 7

Reagan 13, Austin 7 (this is a toss-up)
Sunset 6, Highland Park 0
Incidentally, Talent-Scout Lil Dimmitt is on the job again and will be in Dallas watching the Sunset-Highland Park game to offer some deserving high school star to the All-Conference or All-Americans. Those are the kids Lil will be looking over and not those over-publicized youngsters who know no more about playing football than the man in the moon!

What this country needs right now is day clubs for night workers.

Some people are fenced off from success by their own railing.

Lots of girls are very particular about whom they'll marry until somebody asks them.

Surprising a capacity crowd at De Ware Field House last night, Coach Manning Smith's fighting Texas Aggie basketball team came from behind in the second half of a game with the Randolph Field Ramblers to chalk up their initial victory of the 1942-43 cage campaign by a score of 54-41.

The Aggies displayed near mid-season form in downing the collection of former college stars who comprised the Rambler squad. With every man in the starting lineup hustling and gathering points, the Cadets held the Ramblers to a 25 to 23 advantage at the half.

The second half found A. & M. executing an about face, however, as Mike Cokinos, aggressive All-Conference honorable mention guard last season, and Jamie Dawson, elongated squadman center, led the way with remarkable passing under the basket that had the air corps boys dizzy five minutes before the game was over.

Cokinos was high point man for the Aggies with 15 points. Dawson followed with 14. Seven points went to Pete Watkins who fouled out midway in the last half. Les Peden and Leland Huffman, lettermen, had eight and seven tallies, respectively.

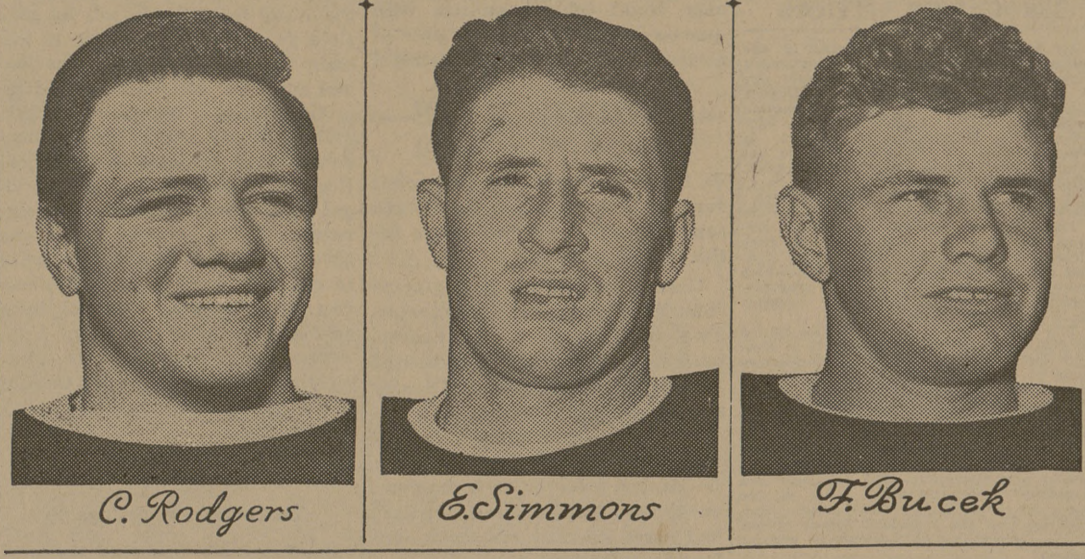
Sparkling for the Ramblers were Les "Pie" Saunter, former Texas university center, who accounted for 16 points and a flashy forward from Wisconsin, Don Pfahler, who dropped 11 points through the mesh.

Randolph was coached by Second Lieutenant Floyd Burdette who played part of the game himself.

A. & M. starting lineup: Huffman and Watkins, forwards; Dawson, center; Cokinos and Peden, guards. Substitutions: Adams, Pennington, Sabins, Nutto, Sample, and Rouprich.

Randolph starting lineup: Pfahler and Clausnitzer, forwards; Sander, center; Kalfain and Landmeyer, guards. Substitutions: Burdette and Townner.

These Made the Batt All-Conference Team



Three Ags Among Those Picked On Batt All-SW Conference Team

By Mike Haikin
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A fella could go on naming All-Conference selections for a million years and I doubt if he could name a team that would be in accordance with the public's views. Already dozens upon dozens of teams have been named by so-called experts and arguments go on every day.

Screwup Football Year

This year is especially a hard year to name a perfect all-conference selection. In other years, there have been a few players that have been unanimously accorded as the "people's choice." Remember John Kimbrough, Davey O'Brien, Sammy Baugh, Ki Aldrich and the rest.

No, not so this year. I seriously doubt if one player named on any conference selection has been a consistent performer. It seems that everyone has had his off moments and that's one reason for such variation in all-conference selections.

Now, without more ado, I'll name the Battalion All-Conference team. It's solely this writer's opinion, but I believe this one will sort of be in line with what the majority of the people believe should be on the mythical eleven. But for the inefficiency of the Baylor and Rice publicity departments, the Battalion would have been able to run a layout of the eleven men. However, the Baylor and Rice publicity directors did not comply with the request for pictures, so we were unable to run the layout. At any rate, here it is—the 1942 Battalion All-Conference:

Batt All-Conference Team Ends: Boots Simmons (A&M) and Bruce Alford (TCU).

Tackles: Derrell Palmer (TCU) and Stan Mauldin (Texas).

Guards: Felix Bucek (A&M) and Weldon Humble (Rice).
Center: Buddy Gatewood (Baylor).

Backs: Jackie Field (Texas), Dick Dwelle (Rice), Cullen Rogers (A&M) and Roy Dale McKay (Texas).

I know that this selection will bring plenty of arguments but just let us take 'em apart and see what makes the above team click. In the first place, I don't see how anybody could have overlooked the Aggies' Boots Simmons at end. True, he didn't get the publicity he deserved, but he played the kind of ball that even makes opponent teams stand up and cheer. Bruce Alford barely noses out SMU's fine wingman, Kelly Simpson for the other terminal. Bruce started out like a house afire but did have quite a few moments as the season went along, especially in that Rice game. But he did prove that TCU was a weak team without him so he gets the selection.

Almost the same is true for A&M's Bill Henderson, who played fine ball at the outset and sort of cooled off at the end. The AP and UP selected the big boy on their respective teams and I don't, at all, think that was such a bad pick. He played fine ball but don't think any better than his teammate Boots Simmons.

No Question About Tackles

There is no question as to who the tackles were on the all-conference team. In and out both Derrell Palmer and Stan Mauldin stood out like sore thumbs. I don't see how anybody could have left these two gridsters out. They were easily the top of the league. Arkansas' Jay Lawhon runs a close third for the tackle post. He did some fine stellar work for the Razorbacks and was about the only thing on the whole team that resembled a line-man. But for Palmer and Mauldin, Lawhon was a standout. Ditto for Zuehl Conoly of Texas. Against the Aggies Thanksgiving Day, this 190 lb. lineman showed plenty of football ability, and, based on that day's performance could easily have made any all-conference selection.

When it comes to the guard position, the Aggies phenomenal Felix Bucek easily was the standout

Four Rice Institute Owls and three S.M.U. Mustangs are included on the all-star Southwest Conference eleven selected by Lester Jordan, athletic publicity director of S.M.U. A. & M. placed two men on the team and T.C.U. and Texas were represented by one player each.

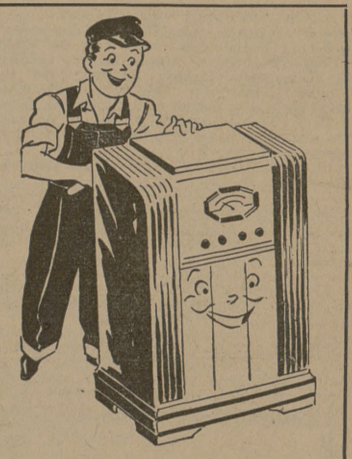
Named on the sophomore all-star team are Wendell Williams, Rice, left end; Tom Dean, S.M.U., left tackle; Clifton Patton, T.C.U., left guard; Lloyd Baxter, S.M.U., center; J. W. Magee, Rice, right guard; Henry Foldberg, A. & M., right tackle; Sid Halliday, S.M.U., right end; Joe Magliolo, Texas, blocking back; Virgil Eikenberg, Rice, fullback; Barney Welch, A. & M., tailback; and Bob Perkins, Rice, wingback.

The sophomore line averages 202 pounds and the backfield 188 pounds.

all year. His play almost covered up the Aggie tackle weakness and almost defeated Texas university. He was an All-American in that Rice game and throughout the year was as fine a lineman as produced by Texas A&M in many a session.

Battle for Guard Post

The other guard post was quite a battle between Rice's Weldon Humble and Ray Rasor, SMU flash. The latter was a sensation when the Ags played the Mustangs while the former gained much of his (See THREE AGS, Page 4)



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SMU Opens Cage Schedule December 15

S. M. U.'s basketball team will open its season in a game with the North Texas State Teachers College Eagles in Denton Dec. 15, Coach Jimmie Stewart of the Mustangs announced today. A return game will be played in Dallas after Christmas, probably Dec. 30.

Addition of four football players to the court squad will strengthen the Ponies considerably as Joe Bob Markette, a junior letterman, and Grady Martin, Wayne Shaw, and Sid Halliday, sophomores, are all being counted upon to see considerable service.

Since Nov. 1, candidates for the basketball team who were not on the football squad have been practicing daily and prospects are that the Ponies will be among the leaders in the Southwest Conference. In addition to Markette, Coach Stewart has four other veterans around whom he is building his team. They are Rusty Baccus, Ben Harris, Tommy Tomlinson, and Jimmie Tate. New men pushing the veterans for starting positions include Acie Cannaday, Randal Stringer, Hilton Painter, and Billy McClelland.

No Extra Gas Will Be Given for Aggie Christmas Vacation

The Brazos County Ration Board states that A. & M. students have been coming in to apply for extra gasoline in order to make the round trip home for the Christmas holidays.

The Ration Board wants to call to the attention of all Aggies that it has no authority whatever to ration extra gasoline for this purpose, so it will be impossible to get extra fuel for the long trek home.

Dean of Engineering Returns from Capitol

Dean Gibb Gilchrist of the School of Engineering is expected to return from Washington, D. C. this evening where he has been attending an important meeting of the National Advisory Committee on Engineering Science and Management War Training.

INTRAMURAL HIGHLIGHTS

by Mike Mann

Class A handball and Class B basketball have reached the play-off stages and a number of games have already been played in the eliminations. All of the games which have taken place to date have been eighth-final games and the winners of this round have moved into the quarter-final brackets.

Two Class A handball games have been decided in the eighth-final round. B Coast Artillery defeated F Coast Artillery by a score of two games to one. Campbell and King, along with Potter and Scott, won the matches for B Coast while Bess and Treadway won the lone match for F Coast. In another handball match Chemical Warfare beat C Coast Artillery with a 2-1 score. Burks, Griffin, Keeney, and Baker won matches for the Chem boys and Odum and King won the single game for the Coast team. The winners of these two matches, B Coast Artillery and A Chemical Warfare, will meet in a quarter-finals match at a later date.

In the Class B basketball play-offs we find that three eighth-final games have been played. The first match found E Infantry nosing out 3rd Corps Headquarters by a score of 20-17. L. H. Devines and P. W. Sparks came through for the Infantrymen to score six points each to lead the scorers. The efforts of the Corps Headquarters team were held down by a strong defensive play on the part of the Infantry squad.

C Replacement Center turned on their power to wallop F Field Artillery 12-4. W. W. Wilson led the Replacement Center team to the victory as he accounted for seven of their 12 points. E Infantry and C Replacement Center will fight it out in a quarter-final bout soon.

In the third Class B basketball match D Field Artillery overwhelmed I Coast Artillery with a 22-5 score. M. E. Flores of the Field squad was the high-point man of the game with nine points. D Field moves to a quarter-final bracket where they will take on a winner of an eighth-final round that has not been decided as yet.

Other regular Class B basketball games saw B Infantry take A Engineers by a score of 24-12 as E. W. Guenther of the Infantry team and P. R. Clevenger of the Engineer squad tied for the high-point spot with eight points each. R. G. Crawford, with six points, and R. S. Hackney, with five, led B Infantry to a 20-10 win over the E Replacement Center squad.

B Field Artillery defeated M Infantry with a score of 19-7 as J. W. Knoblock scored six points and S. (See INTRAMURALS, Page 4)



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