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Southwest Conference to be Decided Today; Fans Crowd Campus as Game Nears

At last the day we have all been waiting for has arrived, and the feeling of tension can be felt all over the campus. It is a well known fact that no matter how bad a season an Aggie or Longhorn team may have it considers the total results pleasing if it comes out on top of the Turkey Day classic. This year the Aggies boast one of the best aggregations of high school stars in the nation. The Cadets have developed plenty of speed and power as well as lots of tricky plays. Should the Ags win it will be a decided triumph for Texas high school football.

The prediction is hard to make. Both teams have lots of power and scoring punch and will be giving their all today as they have never given it before. The Longhorns, of course, rate the edge as far as experience is concerned, for the Cadet team has been through only part of one season while many of the Texas stars are veterans. However, the game is being played here on Kyle Field and the Aggies will invoke powerful traditional spirits to help them win over the Longhorns. The Ags boast an aggregation of some of the fleetest backs in the conference, and easily the most outstanding punter in the section, Red Turner.

Texas is not lacking in powerful backs though. J. R. Calahan, former Texas Tech star will be the main cog in the Longhorn backfield, with Magliolo, Park, and Ellsworth lending able support. The game should be a toss-up with the breaks deciding the winner. We'll let our sentiment be our guide and stick with the old Alma

Mater. Aggies 20, Texas 14. Head Manager Warren Gilbert of the Aggie team may have a surprise for the fans if he is given a chance. Warren went to the same high school, Woodrow Wilson in Dallas, that the Longhorns' water-boy Billy Andrews went to. Now it seems that the two are rivals, for Andrews drop-kicked two extra points against T.C.U. and became the toast of the Texas campus. Warren has been practicing up on his passing and drop-kicking and should be ready to do his bit in the defeat of the Longhorns if Coach Homer Norton needs him.

Should the Aggie manager go into the game it will be reminiscent of the origin of the Aggie "Twelfth Man" tradition. As the story goes a player who was not in uniform at all came from the stands to play when his team needed him. That was the Aggie who began the tradition symbolizing the fact that the Cadets are always ready to help their team, no matter where or when.

Visitors to the campus will be treated to a sample of precision yelling as only the Aggies can do it. There has been a great deal said lately in regard to the Cadets yelling when the other team has the ball, but today the Cadets will be all out in their yelling and it will take plenty to stop them.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY:
IF THERE IS ANYTHING TO BE THANKFUL FOR, IT IS THAT THERE ARE MEN WHO ARE WILLING TO FIGHT AND TO DIE THAT WE MAY HAVE SOMETHING TO BE THANKFUL FOR.

—AGGIELAND—

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been cleared for parking spaces for people who will drive to the game. The Mess Hall has made arrangements for guests of students at the college to eat at a special time Thursday. The Corps will eat at 11 o'clock this morning and its guests will eat at 12 noon. A charge of fifty cents per person will be made for the second meal.

Many of the spectators at today's game will be alumni of both colleges. Both graduates of A. & M. and the University are expected to turn out for this annual event en masse. Quite a number of them will be members of the Armed Forces.

Included in today's game will be a special half-time performance put on by the bands and student bodies of both colleges. This will be broadcast by short wave to members of the Armed Forces who are scattered throughout the world. The entire game is being broadcast in this manner.

The game today marks the fifty-first time that A. & M. and Texas University have played against each other on the football field. The first game was played back in 1894 and after that games were played off and on until 1900 when a regular series was initiated. Several times the teams met twice in the same year.

—LONGHORNS—

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horn lines are exceptionally strong and full of top-notch men. Standouts for the Cadets are Marion Settegast and Bill Geer, ends, Monty Moncrief and Goble Bryant, tackles, Damon Tassos and Herb Turley, guards, and Dick Wright at center.

Stalwarts of the Steer line are Clyde Harville and George McCall, ends, Marcel Gres and Jimmy Plyler, tackles, Franklin Butler, guard, and Kiefer Marshall, center.

The Longhorns will go into the game the favorites, but all will agree that anything can happen and is liable to. One of the highlights of the pre-game weeks was the challenge sent to the Longhorn coach, D. X. Bible, by Coach Homer Norton of the Aggies. The challenge was that the Longhorns should leave their Navy boys in Austin this year and make the game between collegiate players only. Bible, of course, did not accept the challenge.

The game will be broadcast by shortwave overseas, so that all the exes of both schools will be able to pick it up. Special ceremonies will also take place during the halves when each school will have five minutes of yells and songs for the men overseas to hear and reminisce by. A crowd of over 33,000 persons will be on hand for the thriller, which will decide the Southwest conference champion. May the best team win!

Aggie Coach Homer Norton Has Colorful Sports Record



Coach Homer Hill Norton

Known primarily as a football coach, Homer Hill Norton, head coach and athletic director at A. & M., made his first bid for fame as a baseball player, patrolling the outfield at Birmingham High School in Alabama. Later he did such an outstanding baseball job with the Birmingham-Southern College nine that he was signed by the Birmingham Barons in the Southern Association when he was graduated from college in 1916.

After a brief stay with the Barons he landed with the Greensboro, N. C. club in the Piedmont League. His next stop was Lakeland, Florida, in the "Million-Dollar Circuit," and at the end of an exceptionally good year in 1919, Columbus, Ohio, in the American Association bought his contract. Right then Norton forsook professional baseball to begin his career as a football coach. He went on baseball's voluntarily retired list and accepted the post of head coach at Centenary College, Shreveport, Louisiana, a job he held through 1920 and 1921, and later from 1926 through 1933, relinquishing it only to come to Texas A. & M. in 1934.

During his playing days Norton was a four-sport man, winning letters in baseball, football, basketball, and track in high school and repeating the feat in college. In 1915 he captained his football and baseball teams, and in 1916, his senior year, he was awarded a medal as the best all-around athlete in the Southwest and was named as an all-conference back. Sports writers said at the time he was the best all-around athlete in the Southwest and one most likely to reach high acclaim as a professional.

Prior to Norton's going to Centenary, the school had never played football as an intercollegiate sport. In his first year they did play a few other college teams but there is no record in the books as to the results. The only record found for that year is an item in the "Shreveport Times" which shows that the Gents took a 13-8 defeat from Marshall.

In 1921, the first year they played a regular schedule and for which records are complete, the

team won four games and lost three. Before the next season opened the school decided it would go in for football on a large scale and hired A. N. (Bo) McMillan, three-time All-American back of the "Praying Colonels" of Cent. College, as head coach.

When "Bo" accepted the offer, Norton stepped down and served as line coach during his three-year regime. The school found no fault with Norton's work and only the feeling that a big game was needed caused him to be replaced as chief-of-staff.

When McMillan left to accept a more lucrative offer at the close of the 1924 season, Norton was offered his old post but declined it and continued as assistant under Earl Davis for the 1925 season. The following year he was prevailed upon to become head coach again, which job he took and held until he came to Texas A. & M. in 1934.

Since he has been the Aggies' coach Norton has rolled up an impressive record. His 1939 team was the best in the nation, and many boys have risen to All-American mention under his guidance. Currently the talk of Southwestern football circles is the amazing job Norton has done this year in molding his high school boys into an impressive aggregation and bringing them through the season almost perfectly. Whatever takes place on the gridiron today Coach Homer Norton will still be the Aggies' man.

—DISTRACTIONS—

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their harmonicas with jives for several entertaining moments. The story is about a man in prison. His wife is courted by another, who is very attached to the children. The husband lies to his wife about a chance for a pardon and makes her think that he is in to stay. Later he gets out and takes odd jobs about town, but in time his wife and kids find him and the result is a happy family reunion.

The Lowdown: An old one, but the singing is swell.

Cross Country Meet Won By 2nd Co.

Second Company won the Intramural Cross-country Meet held last Saturday by a wide majority, despite the fact that the individual winner was W. W. Shannon from 3rd Company. Shannon won the race in 8 minutes 30 seconds, barely nosing out Bill Terrell in the home stretch.

Shannon's winning time was only five seconds off the record of 8:25 held by Charles Hahn two semesters ago.

Second Company, 3rd Co., C Co., 1st Co., and 3rd HQC finished first, second, third, fourth, and fifth respectively. Eleven five-man teams entered the meet, and each team that finished received 50 points for running the course. Several companies had only four representatives, and these companies were given 40 points for finishing.

The last man to finish the race for 2nd Co. was in 24th place. This was quite remarkable considering the fact that there were over seventy boys running the course.

Football Figurin'..

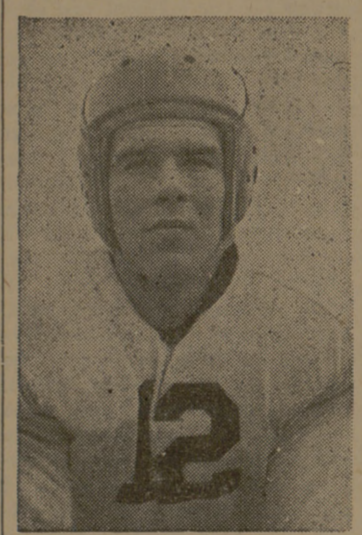
By R. L. Weatherly

We will set aside our column for the statistics of the Aggie football team of 1943. We only have the statistics of the first seven games, but those statistics show that the Aggies are powerful this year.

Babe Hallmark leads the team in ground gaining. He has toted the ball 118 times for a 247 net



MARION E. (BROTHER) SETTEGAST comes from Houston with 3 years of high school football behind him. He is 17 years old and weighs 190 pounds. His position is end and he towers 6 ft. 1 in. His No. is 82.



JAMES L. (BABE) HALLMARK is from Kilgore with three years high school experience in the backfield. He weighs 160 pounds and stands 5 feet and 10 inches. He is 17 years old and can be found in jersey number 12.

yardage gain. Hallmark leads as a passer too. He has passed 92 passes and has completed 38 for 607 yards which gives him a percentage of 41.3 for completions.

Marion Flanagan gets a pat on the back for the best pass snatcher. He caught 21 passes for 398 yards. Flanagan also leads the pack in punt returns. He has retrieved 42 punts for 433 yards.

Bing Turner gets the nod for being the best punter. He has kicked 59 times for a total of 2261 yards. He boasts a punting average of 38.4 which is kicking in anyone's league. Turner leads the team as high scorer. He has crossed the goal line with the ball four times and has booted the ball across the bar 12 times. This gives Turner a total of 36 points scored for the first seven games.

The following are the statistics of the A. & M. football team of 1943 for the first seven games:

	A&M	Ops.
First Downs	70	36
Rushing	37	22
Passing	31	12
Penalties	2	2
Net yds. rush.	751	816
Yards lost	249	315
Net yds. f'ward pas.	1011	301
F'wards attempted	152	123
Passes com.	65	28
Intercep. by	16	15
Punts, number	64	97
Average	38.4	36.0
Blocked by	1	2
Yds. kicks return.	726	832
Punts	637	291
Kickoffs	89	541
Kickoffs, No.	31	7
Fumbles	20	13
Ball lost	14	8
Penalties, No.	40	29
Yards lost	330	225
Total scores	137	19
Touchdowns	20	3
Conversions	15	1
Safeties	1	0

Individual Statistics, Ball Carriers

Player	Times	Yards	Yds. Lost	Yds. Gain.
Hallmark	118	382	135	247
Flanagan	38	151	30	121
Burditt	4	106	0	106
Turner	47	105	27	78
Beesley	38	99	45	54
McAllister	5	31	0	31
Callendar	6	33	3	30
Pogue	1	28	0	28
Soyars	5	25	0	25
Butchy	6	21	0	21
Deere	3	10	0	10

Passers

Player	No. Attemp.	No. Com.	Yds. Gain.	% of Com.
Hallmark	92	38	607	41.3
Beesley	49	24	335	49
Turner	9	3	69	33.3
Spencer	1	0	0	00
Jordan	1	0	0	00

Pass Receivers

Player	No. Caught	Yds. Gained
Flanagan	21	398
Butchofsky	7	127
Settegast	7	110
Turner	6	95
Burditt	10	86
Geer	4	44
Hallmark	2	37
McAllister	2	37
Deere	1	34
Long	2	20
Moore	2	18
Wiley	1	5

Pass Interceptions

Player	No. Intercepted	Yds. Gained on return
McCurry	2	77
Deere	3	49
Butchofsky	2	44
Wright D.	3	39
Flanagan	2	16
Wright, C. E.	1	8
Soyars	1	5
Beesley	1	3
Hallmark	1	0

Punters

Player	No. of punts	Yds. Ave.
Turner	59	2261 38.4
Beesley	3	130 43.0
Hallmark	2	64 32.0

Punt Returns

Player	No. punt returns	Yds. gained on return
Flanagan	42	433
Hallmark	3	37
Deere	9	108
Burditt	1	17
Butchofsky	1	23
Beesley	2	19

Scorers

Player	T'owns	Convera.	Saf's	T.Pts.
Turner	4	12	0	63
Hallmark	4	0	0	24
Burditt	3	0	0	18
Flanagan	2	0	0	12
Moore	2	0	0	12
Butchofsky	2	0	0	12
McAllister	1	1	0	7
McCurry	1	0	0	6
Wright, D.	1	0	0	6
Settegast	0	0	1	2
Shira	0	1	0	1
Turley	0	1	0	1

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