

Aggies Work Behind Closed Gates Preparing For Texas

Southwest's Oldest Gridiron Rivalry Is Annual Thanksgiving Day Battle

With both teams having only an outside chance to tie somebody for the Conference championship this year, the Texas Aggies and Texas Longhorns face the game of games each fully confident of coming out on top—their traditional Thanksgiving Day battle which will be staged in Memorial Stadium in Austin beginning at 2:30 p.m., November 30.

Gridiron rivalry between the Maroon and White shirted Aggies and the Orange and White Longhorns is the oldest between Texas schools, dating back to 1894 when the Aggies went over to Austin for their first away-from-home game and got trimmed 38-0. The Longhorns have won the past four games and have a wide margin in all contests through these 50 years, having won 31 games while losing 15 and getting a tie in the remaining 4.

The only winning stretch the Aggies have enjoyed was 2 games in 1909 and 1 in 1910. Twice the Longhorns have won 7 games and tied 1 before taking defeat, 1894 to the first game in 1902, and 1903-08.

The records show two stretches of three years each in which no games were played, 1895-96-97 and 1912-13-14, but this was more than made up through two games being matched in each of these years, 1900-01-02-07-08-09.

It has been "too long," the Aggies say since they have won a football game in Austin, 22 years to be exact. In 1922 the Aggies had a 2-to-1 touchdown advantage and won 14-7. Other years in which the Aggies have triumphed in the Capitol City were 1902 by 12-0, and 1909 by 5-0. Each team has proved stronger on its own field, the Longhorns winning 23 of 26 games played in Austin, and the Aggies taking 10 of 15 games at College Station, with two ties.

Thus, each visiting team has defeated the home aggregation only three times, or a total of six in 41 attempts.

In these years there have been some startling upsets when an otherwise mediocre eleven wrapped the mantle of greatness about it and beat off a more formidable team. In 1940 the Aggies were Rose Bowl bound and sports scribes gave the Longhorns little chance of making a score, much less winning the game, but that is what the Orange and White did by the tune of 7-0. Oldtimers still recall the bitter defeat of another great Aggie aggregation in 1911 at Houston by 6-0. On the other side of the ledger are the Aggie triumphs of 1915 by 13-0, the moral victory in the 0-0 tie in 1921 and others between 1925-35.

For the 1944 season, both the Aggies and the Longhorns have won and lost two Conference games. Texas trimmed Arkansas 19-0 and S.M.U. 34-7, while losing to Rice 7-0 and to T.C.U. 7-6. The Aggies, on the other hand, lost their first two starts, to T.C.U. 13-7 and to Arkansas 7-6, then with reversal of form humbled S. M. U. 39-6 and Rice 19-6. To the

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Frogs About In As Southwest Champs

The 1944 race for the Southwest Conference Championship is rapidly drawing to a close, but the winner or winners may not be determined until the final game is played.

T. C. U. can clinch the title Saturday by defeating the Rice Owls, and even if they lose to Rice, they can still win by beating S. M. U. the following week. In the event the Frogs lose both of their remaining conference games, the race will end in a two way tie between Rice and the winner of the Aggie-Texas game.

At the present time it looks like T. C. U. is almost a sure bet to win the crown, provided they play the type of football they have been playing. Too much credit cannot be handed to Coach Dutch Meyer and his charges for their showing this season. Regarded as anything but a little threat in the early stages of the race, they have refused to give in and have lost only to the strong Oklahoma Sooners.

After playing the Aggies, Coach Meyer had his team wrecked by Navy transfers. Even this failed to stop the Frogs, and they have created a powerful running attack to replace their passing game which left when their two best passers departed.

It seems very unlikely now that any Southwest team except the winner will play in a bowl game New Year's Day. There is, of course, the possibility that another team will receive an invitation, but that possibility is slight.

I am almost scared to attempt to pick any games this week, for only two games will be played Saturday and I am afraid I will

"figurer" is left the outcome on Nov. 30 as Texas licked Arkansas which licked the Aggies, but the Aggies licked Rice which licked Texas.

In this season's standing the Aggies have won 6 games and lost 3, the other defeat being to Oklahoma, which lost to Texas. In so doing the Aggies have rolled up 219 points to 76 by nine opponents. In Conference play the Aggies show 71 points as against 32. Texas has won 4 games and has lost the same number, making 113 points to 76 by eight opponents. In four Conference games the Longhorns have gathered 69 points to 21 in the other column.

Both Teams Expected To Be In Top Shape For Annual Thanksgiving Tilt

Coach Homer Norton has his Aggie gridders working behind locked gates this week, and chances are the Cadet mentor is cooking up some surprises to throw at the Texas Longhorns when the two teams meet Thanksgiving Day in Austin.

After getting off to a slow start, the Aggies have been going in high gear for the past two weeks, and the cadet coaches are taking no chances of letting their charges slip. Texas, on the other hand, started out like a house on fire, but the boys from the Forty Acres have been slipping lately. The Longhorns have been hampered with injuries during the past few weeks, but chances are both teams will be in top shape for the annual grudge battle.

A. & M. came out of the Rice battle with only one injury, Tom Daniel suffering a cut on the back of his head. However, Daniel is expected to be in good shape by Thanksgiving, as well as Jimmie Parmer and George McAllister, backs who have been hampered with injuries all season.

Reports from Austin indicate that Texas will enter the game

improved a little and guessed two out of four, but I may not have that good luck again.

Anyhow, I had enough fun in Houston to forget about my average in guessing, so here goes on the two games to be played in the Southwest Conference this Saturday.

RICE over T.C.U.—I don't know why I am picking the Owls unless it is because I think T.C.U. has the better team.

TEXAS TECH over S.M.U.—The Mustangs are due for a letdown after upsetting Arkansas last week, and should lose this one.

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1894	0	38
1898	0	48
1899	0	6
1900	0	5
*1900	0	11
*1901	0	17
*1901	0	32
*1902	0	0
*1902	12	0
*1903	6	29
1904	6	34
1905	0	27
1906	0	24
*1907	0	0
*1907	6	11
*1908	8	24
*1908	12	28
*1909	23	0
*1909	5	0
1910	14	8
1911	0	6
1915	13	0
1916	7	21
1917	7	0
1918	0	7
1919	7	0
1920	3	7
1921	0	0
1922	14	7
1923	0	6
1924	0	7
1925	28	0
1926	5	14
1927	28	7
1928	0	19
1929	13	0
1930	0	26
1931	7	6
1932	0	21
1933	10	10
1934	0	13
1935	20	6
1936	0	7
1937	7	0
1938	6	7
1939	20	0
1940	0	7
1941	0	23
1942	6	12
1943	13	27
Totals	306	608
Games won	15	31
Ties		4
*Two games played.		

AGGIES

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