

Aggies Play Silver Taps 5th Straight Year On Thanksgiving

Texas Scores In First Minute of Play To Win 6-0 Over Courageous Cadets

Aggies Had One Touchdown Called Back And Fail to Make Score From 2 Yard Line

By Calvin Brumley

For the fifth straight year A. & M. lost a Thanksgiving Day football game to Texas university last Thursday 6 to 0. Over 40,000 fans thrilled in Memorial Stadium to the possibility that the Aggies would defeat the Longhorns for the first time in Memorial Stadium and as the game sensationalized its way into the closing minutes every person sitting in the stands felt that the Cadets would cross the T. u. goal line when they had a first down on the 2 yard line. Four tries by the Fighting Aggies lost them 12 yards and with those 12 yards went the heart of the team.

Striking early in the first quarter the Longhorns repeated the 1940 game. Texas took over in the first minute of play on the Aggie 35 after Bobby Goff of the Aggies kicked out from his own three. Big Harlan Wetz put the Aggies in the hole with his kickoff and vicious tackle of Aggie All-Conference Paul Yates on the three yard line.

Just as everyone expected, Bobby Layne, the Longhorn wonder-boy from Highland Park, started on an end run then shot one of his passes, not to All-American Hubert Bechtol, but to Jimmy Watson which was good from the 35 to the Aggie 9. Again Layne started around his own right end but this time when he couldn't find a receiver he slithered through Aggie defenders for the only score of the game. Little Rooster Andrews in his orange and white jersey scampered onto the field to try his drop kick specialty for extra point. Monte Moncrief, Aggie All-Conference tackle, blocked his try.

Jimmy Cashion took Wetz's kickoff on the 10 and ran it back to the Aggie 37. Goff tossed one to Cotton Howell, All-Conference end, who shoveled it to Yates who drove for 4. Goff passed to Howell for two and then the stands were electrified when Goff took a pass from Cashion and ran it over the Longhorn goal line. The touchdown was called back because of an illegal formation. Incidentally, although the Aggies have been penalized several times this year for illegal formations that was the first time that an illegal penalty had been called against the end.

In the third quarter it looked again as if the Cadets might score. A. & M. started a drive on their own 21 and went to the Texas 18. Oscar White dropped a pass in the end zone and then Layne stopped the drive by intercepting Cashion's

pass on the 14 after Bechtol had broken up a pass on the preceding play from Cashion to White again in the end zone.

Most heartbreaking of all was the stand made by the Longhorns on their two yard line. The touchdown opportunity was made by a series of passes from Cashion to Howell and Mann Scott which carried the Cadets to the Texas 13 yard marker. Stubby Mathews made 6 and Cashion and Scott each added two for the first down. Cashion called on Scott to try the center but a hole failed to open. Cashion sent Mathews through the line but the Texas forwards were still there and it was third down with 2 still needed. Goff started around end but lost 2. A mix up in the Aggie backfield resulted in a fumble and the Longhorns took over on the 14 after Cashion recovered.

Thereafter the Longhorns froze the ball and the game ended with the ball in possession of the boys from the "Forty Acres" on their own 37 yard line.

Silver Taps echoed mournfully across Memorial Stadium as the Aggie Corps and football team stood at attention with tears in their eyes, in their hearts, and with the salty taste of the tears of defeat on their lips. Across the stands and all the way around the stadium Aggies and Aggie-exes felt the shock of another Thanksgiving loss. Strangely enough there were very few cries of "Beat Hell outa Texas in '45". Coach Homer Norton summed it up when he said, "We'll be back next year."

A play by play description of the Aggie defeat:

Wetz kicked off for Texas from the south goal to Yates who took it over his goal line and ran it back to the three where he was tackled by Wetz. Evans returned Goff's kick from the 50 to the Aggie 35.

Layne shot a pass to Watson good on the Aggie 9. Layne faded to pass then ran over a touchdown. Moncrief blocked Andrew's try for point. Cashion ran Wetz's kickoff from the 10 back to the 37. Goff to Howell to Yates for 4. Goff to Howell for 2. Cashion tossed to Goff on the 40 and Goff scored but the play was called back and Aggies penalized 5 for illegal formation. Cashion made 5. Texas penalized 5 for holding. Mathews lost 3. Yates made 7 and then failed. Evans fumbled Cashion's kick but recovered on his own 11. Layne failed. Plyler faked a kick and ran for 39. Cashion ran (See AGGIES, Page 4)

BATTALION Sports



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The Jinx Still Holds

Despite all of the power the Aggies could muster in Austin Thursday, that old jinx of Memorial Stadium was just too much and the Longhorns left the field on the long end of a 6-0 score. It must have been the jinx that was hindering the Aggies, for they could get up ground in mid-field, but they could not gain two yards in four plays in the fourth quarter.

The game was one of the most thrilling games which has been unrepeated in the long series between the two schools, but it just wasn't in the books for the Aggies to win. Time and time again they were in scoring position, but the Texas defense was just too much when their goal line was threatened.

The Aggies have never scored on the Longhorns in Memorial Stadium on a play from scrimmage. In 1938 they scored on a blocked punt and in 1942 Barney Welch returned a punt 76 yards for a score, but no Aggie team has ever been able to push a touchdown over on a play from scrimmage.

Thursday, the Aggies missed one of the best opportunities they have ever had. The ball was resting on the two yard line and the Cadets

had four tries to cross the double stripe, but once again the Longhorn line had what it takes to hold.

Every man on the Cadet team played a creditable game, and the defeat cannot be blamed on any single player, coach, or incident. It was just one of those games where two evenly matched teams battle for sixty minutes, and one of those teams gets a break and wins. The Steer's break came in the opening minutes when Paul Yates took the Texas kickoff and was downed on the three yard line. Two plays later Bobby Layne went over for the only score of the afternoon.

A. & M. got a bad break the next time they had possession of the ball. Jimmy Cashion passed to Bobby Goff and the Aggie half-back carried the remaining yards for the score, but the play was called back and the Cadets penalized five yards for illegal formation.

Someday, an Aggie eleven is going to win a game from the University of Texas on Memorial Stadium, but it may be a good while before they have a chance like they had last Thursday.

Rambling . . .

The Aggie footballers left for Miami Monday minus their brilliant punter and halfback, Bobby Goff. Bobby has a more important date Wednesday with Uncle Sam, and this date will last for the duration. . . The statistics for the game Thursday were about as even as

you could get them. . . Preston Smith, Bryan's great back, is headed for A. & M. He plans to enter school next fall, but he may enroll sooner as he finishes his work at Bryan High in January. Smith was rated as one of the best backs in Texas last fall.

All-Conference Selections

About this time of year every sports writer in the country starts picking an all-conference football team. Although some individuals will doubt whether or not I am a sports writer, I have decided to pick my team.

This team I have picked will probably draw more comment than my predictions did, but I believe this team would be hard to beat. At the end positions I picked Texas' great end, Hubert Bechtol, and the towering Razorback, Mike Schumchik. It was a close call here, and I hated to leave Cotton Howell of Aggies off of the first team, but he is teamed with Merl Gibson of T. C. U. as a second string end.

There was little doubt about the tackles with Monte Moncrief and Clyde Flowers around. Second place votes at this position go to John Cooke of T. C. U. and Harlan Wetz of Texas.

At the guard position we find Damon Tassos of the Aggies and H. J. Nichols of Rice, two standout performers all season. Second positions here go to Henry Ford of Arkansas and Jim Meletio of S. M. U.

Jack Sachse of Texas was the outstanding center in the conference in 1944, and was one of the best linebackers to play in this section in a long while. Jim Cooper of T. C. U. rates the second team berth.

The line was fairly easy to

select, but the backfield was just the opposite. I finally decided on Harold Fischer, Texas university's great blocker, C. D. Allen, the plunger from S. M. U., Bobby Goff, the Aggies' punter and runner, and Bobby Layne, the brilliant passer from Texas. This backfield would be hard to beat, but several positions were very close, and some good boys had to be omitted. Paul Yates, the conference's leading scorer, rates a second team berth, as does George Walmsley, the Rice speed merchant. Other backfield positions on the second team go to Norman Cox of T. C. U. and Mann Scott of A. & M.

I know this team will not meet the approval of all who read this, but it would be a great team, a team that would be hard to beat.

Cage Game With San Marcos AAF Scheduled January 1

SAN MARCOS, Texas—The scheduling of six basketball games between the Navigators of San Marcos Army Air Field and college and service teams of the Central Texas area has been announced by Col. J. M. Hutchison, commanding officer of the AAF Training Command field.

The Navigators, coached by Lt. George Faircloth, former All-Louisiana cage star, will meet the Texas Aggies for a single game on January 1, at Craig Hall.

Battalion's All-Southwest Football Team

Player and School	Position
Mike Schumchik, Arkansas	End
Clyde Flowers, T. C. U.	Tackle
H. J. Nichols, Rice	Guard
Jack Sachse, Texas	Center
Damon Tassos, Texas A.&M.	Guard
Monte Moncrief, Texas A&M	Tackle
Hubert Bechtol, Texas	End
Bobby Layne, Texas	Back
Harold Fischer, Texas	Back
C. D. Allen, S. M. U.	Back
Bobby Goff, Texas A.&M.	Back

Peanut Harvesting Studied By Waller County Growers

Peanut growers from several sections of the state recently have made a trip to Waller County to study mobile peanut harvesting equipment which enables six men to do more efficiently what ordinarily is done by a crew of 14 or more.

A. L. Carter, who grows 250 acres of peanuts in Waller County, has made adaptations on equipment regularly used for peanut harvesting which enable him to do the job assembly-line fashion. The mobile rig begins with a tractor followed by a picker. A small bucket-type elevator has been installed on the picker, moving the nuts to the top, where a sacker has been mounted. The hay sifts into a hay bailer and behind that is a trailer on which the hay is loaded.

Only operation which isn't mechanized is the pitching of nuts into the thresher. Next year Mr. Carter hopes to use a side delivery rake and windrow pick-up for picking up the nuts. This additional attachment would replace two men who now walk along and hoist the hay and nuts into the thresher, while the tractor moves at its lowest speed.

Carter's labor requirements this fall included the tractor driver, the two loaders; one man to operate the sacker and handle the sacked nuts; one man to tend the baler hopper and tie the baling wire on one side; and a sixth who puts the wires through for the baling process and keeps the hay stacked back on the trailer.

This mobile outfit can cover 12 to 15 acres per day, thrashing about 15,000 pounds of nuts. Carter believes his rig saves 200 pounds of nuts per acre more than stationary equipment. He figures this mechanization saves him \$80 per day on labor, and his savings this season will pay for all equipment. His attachments and refinements over and above the equipment cost only about \$100, and he did practically all the work himself.

Waller County Agricultural Agent Joe H. Hall says there are about 100 peanut growers in Waller County alone who could follow the lead of Carter's demonstration.

KYLE

Continued from Page 1 athletic field which now bears his name. In 1937 Kyle was drafted as Chairman of the Athletic Council and served until October of this year. In this time he managed to

Twenty-six Ag Footballers Depart Monday For Miami

Gilchrist Speaks In San Angelo, Galveston

President Gibb Gilchrist was the featured speaker at a banquet held Monday night, December 4th, at the St. Angelus Hotel in San Angelo, Texas. The Banquet was sponsored by the San Angelo Junior Chamber of Commerce, and the public was invited to attend.

Monday afternoon, President Gilchrist spoke at a meeting of the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers Association in San Angelo.

Wednesday he will journey to Galveston where he will speak at a meeting of the County Judges and Commissioners Association. His talk will be on Postwar Planning.

put the athletic department on its feet.

He was appointed by Cordell Hull and the Department of Agriculture as an official delegate to the Second Inter-American Conference on Agriculture which was held in Mexico, July 6-16, 1942. Nelson Rockefeller selected him co-ordinator of inter-American affairs and sent him to Venezuela to study its agricultural economy. His report was published in the Congressional Record and distributed throughout Latin-America.

In 1941 the University of Arkansas awarded him the honorary degree of doctor of philosophy. He is listed in "Who's Who," "Who's Who in American Education," "Who's Who Among American Authors," and in "American Men of Science".

Effective December 1, C. N. Shepardson will be dean of the School of Agriculture. Prior to his appointment he was head of the department of poultry husbandry.

Twenty-six Aggie gridders left college Monday noon for Miami, Fla., where they will meet the University of Miami Friday night, December 8. Coaches Homer Norton and Bill James, head yell leader Hayes Stripling, and managers Tommy Murnane and Pete Suderman accompanied the team on the long journey. Trainer Lil Dimmitt is already in Miami and Manning Smith did not make the trip but stayed here to get ready for the basketball season.

The team was due to work out Monday afternoon in Rice Stadium at Houston on the first lap of their Eastward journey. They will leave Miami Saturday night on their return trip, arriving at College Station Monday night.

Several players who have made all previous trips are not going to Miami as they are reporting immediately for basketball practice. Several members of the squad going to Miami are also fine basketball prospects and will report to Coach Smith immediately upon their return.

This game will be broadcast by the Humble Oil and Refining Co., and will be carried by the Texas Quality Network.

Members of the squad making the trip were Abe Abraham, Bob Butchofsky, Jimmy Cashion, Dusty Daniel, Grant Darnell, Sparky Eberle, Hub Ellis, Bob Gary, Bullett Gray, Bill Geer, Norton Higgins, Cotton Howell, Sleepy League, Stubby Mathews, George McAllister, Monte Moncrief, Jim Farmer, Joe Saera, Morton Shefts, Mann Scott, Charlie Shira, Gene Spires, Damon Tassos, Bill Walker, Paul Yates, and Sooter Yeargain.

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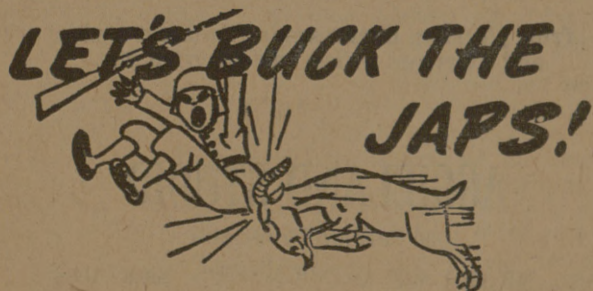
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