

# BALLENTINE BEATS MUSTANGS 3-0

Coming so close to the door of defeat that even the wind moaned, the Aggies sneaked by the SMU Mustangs last Saturday 3 to 0 in what was their poorest game of the season. Only the smiles of Lady Luck linked with the kicking of Bob Goode and John Ballentine stood in the Ponies way.

For it was John Ballentine who won the game for the Aggies. He went into the game on the first play of the second quarter and kicked the field goal that meant the game. Bob Goode had just run 51 yards to put the ball on the SMU 17 when Ballentine went in. Under instructions from the bench, he called for the field goal try, and then proceeded to kick it 35 yards at an angle against the north wind. His kick went true, and the Aggies crawled into the lead that stuck for the rest of the game.

The Aggies were halted from the very start, and only few times did they have the chance to run a series of downs. The kicking of Red Maley and Doak Walker kept the Cadets on the defense most of the time, and well in their own end of the field the rest. Only once did the Aggies cross the SMU 25 yard line, and that came in the closing minutes of the first period.

After the ball had changed hands a number of times between the two thirty yard lines, SMU had the ball on their own 49. On the first play from scrimmage, Wilson fumbled a pass thrown him by Walker, and Preston Smith recovered for the Aggies on the A&M 32. Daniels handed off to Goode, and the big Aggie halfback went 51 yards to the SMU 17 yard stripe on the only long run of the afternoon. Smith tried the line three times for 2 yards, and it was fourth and 8 from the 15. John Ballentine came into the game for Smith, and the Aggies formed for

a field goal. The ball was resting on the 15, which meant that the kick had to travel from the 25, or 35 yards altogether. The ball was snapped, and Ballentine's kick went squarely through the middle of the uprights for the 3 points that got bigger and bigger as the game went on.

SMU's only serious threat came late in the third quarter when they brought the ball to the Aggie 14 yard line before losing it on downs, but they were constantly in possession of the ball in the danger zone between the Aggie 30 and 15.

Outstanding for the Aggies all afternoon was end Bill Geer. He played his best defensive game of the season, and was a thorn in the side of the Ponies on every play that he was in the game. For the Mustangs, Doak Walker was the lad that no one could handle. Walker's passing and running were superb, and his kicking was excellent.

### RICE GAME TIME

Starting time for the Texas A. & M.-Rice game in Houston has been moved up from 3:00, the time shown on tickets, to 2:30 p. m.

## Chopping Block

By Frank Cawthon

### A. & M. 13-RICE 7

The Owls will be plenty good, but the Aggies should be better. The margin for Ole Army might be two touchdowns, but I'll play it safe for one. After a bad showing against SMU, the Aggies will show the Houston boys their real power with Smith and Goode playing at the same time.

### TEXAS 20-T. C. U. 6

The Longhorns should at last come to life and play a good brand of ball against the Frogs. TCU's Joslin will see that the Layne to Bechtel combination is hard to stop and it will roll on to the Turkey Day skirmish. All-Conference Ralph Ellsworth is ready to play, after an illness, and will carry much of the burden.

### S. M. U. 23-Arkansas 0

The powerful, but almost winless Mustangs, will deal the Hogs a terrific beating Saturday, with Walker running and passing to his pair of fine ends, Wilson and Clark. It will be a field day for the Ponies, who have beaten Rice 21-18 and lost to A. & M. and Texas by 3-0 and 12-7 scores respectively.

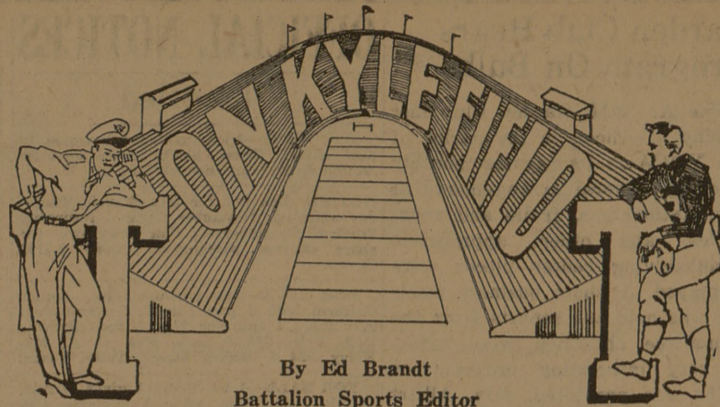
### TULSA 13-BAYLOR 7

The Bears have a fine ball club and should deal the Tulsans plenty of misery before the afternoon is over. They lost a bang-up football game to Texas last week and will be laying for the Oilers who lost to powerful Oklahoma A. & M. last week 12-6 after pushing them all over the field. The Bears will be hard to beat, but Tulsa will do it.

### Engineers Meeting Thursday 7:30 P. M.

Engineers of Area 14 composed of the following counties: Brazos, Burleson, Grimes, Leon, Madison, Milan, Robertson, Walker and Washington will meet Thursday evening at 7:30 P. M. in the Civil Engineering lecture room, November 22 for the purpose of forming a permanent chapter of the Texas Society for Professional Engineers. All engineers and other interested people are invited to attend. The following program has been planned:

Welcome—President Gibb Gilchrist.  
Proposal and acceptance of constitution and by-laws for the local chapter.  
Election of officers for 1946.



By Ed Brandt  
Battalion Sports Editor

Texas A&M lost one of its most valuable football players this past week, when it was learned that Bob Butchofsky would be out for the remainder of the regular season. Butch suffered a kidney injury in practice after the Baylor game, and has missed the last two tilts as a result. Coach Norton said that the big halfback stood "only the barest of chances to play in the Texas game, and will be definitely out of the Rice game that Saturday." The medical reports on his case have been sent to Houston for checking, and the report from there is anything but promising. Butchofsky is a two-letter man and is one of the most experienced men on the Aggie squad. He ran with the backfield consisting of Babe Hallmark, Bing Turner, and Red Burditt, and Marion Flanagan in 1943, and with Bobby Goff, Jim Parmer, Mann Scott, and Jim Cashion in 1944. Butch is noted throughout the conference as being one of the best blocking backs to have played in the southwest, and at the same time, he was a consistent ground gainer. His services will indeed be missed in the coming two championship contests.

A&M emerged this week from the wild and woolly conference race as just about the best defensive team in the conference. Some of the statistics for the Aggies read like this: First downs by opponents, 54, for the least in the league; net yards gained by the opposition by passing, 296, for the least in the conference; forward passes completed against them, 35, for the least number; yards gained by the opposition by rushing, 919, for the second least in the conference; and a total of 1215 yards gained against for the second least. Kicker Bob Goode is fourth in the conference with a 37.3 yard average on 68 kicks. The team punting average is 36.8 for the second highest in the conference.

In the ground gained column, Preston Smith is still in the top slot with 548 yards gained on 119 carries. Goode is in third place with 515 yards on 94 carries. Goode and Smith are also first and second, respectively, in the conference in played only two or three minutes downs for 60 points, and Smith retained his 55 points on 9 touchdowns and 1 extra point.

Other figures list Daniel as the fourth top passer with 25 completions for 57 passes thrown for 254 yards, and Higgins as the seventh pass receiver with 8 completions for 128 yards. Smith has returned 15 punts for 175 yards to give him an 11.6 yard per return average and fifth place in the conference.

Player-of-the-week honors this week go to the man who won the SMU game with a swift kick, none

other than John Ballentine. He played only two or three minutes in the game, but in that time, he kicked a field goal and SMU out of the conference picture. Hats off to John Ballentine.

This corner of the column could not be complete without saying something about the ball game played by end Bill Geer. Bill was picked this week by the Associated Press as the outstanding end in the southwest, and it was an honor that was certainly due him. He was the strongest defensive man on the field last Saturday, and figured in nearly every tackle around his end of the line. To Bill goes the most honorable of honorable mentions.

Captain Kermit K. Beahan, Houston, Texas, dropped the atomic bomb on Nagasaki, Japan.

### Aggie-Ex Sees Same Play He Used On SMU Exactly 25 Years Ago

History repeats itself! Sitting in the stands Saturday at the SMU game was Colonel Richard H. Harrison. He probably shook his head in amazement, because just twenty-five years ago to the day, Texas A. & M. had defeated the Ponies 3-0 and the man who kicked that ball neatly between the goal posts was none other than himself.

Col. Harrison is now in Mc Closkey General Hospital at Temple, and came down with the Aggie delegation from the hospital for the game. Col. Harrison graduated from A. & M. in the class of 1920.

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### PENNY'S SERENADE

By W. L. Penberthy

Not long ago one of our South-west Conference Referees told me an amusing incident that happened in a high school game in which he officiated. On the opening kick-off the ball was kicked on the fly into the end zone of the receiving team where it was caught by one of the players. After catching the ball the lad, who was not very large, looked out on the field of play and saw the players of the other team charging down on him so he just stood still and made no attempt to touch the ball to the ground for a touch-back or to run it out. The referee sensed the indecision on the part of the lad and asked, "Son, what do you want to do?" In a quavering voice the youngster answered, "I don't know, but I don't want to run." I am sure that many of us have been in a very similar position—we knew what we should do, but we hesitated because we are a little afraid.

Penberthy  
Penberthy is a very natural thing, and I never saw a person who was without a fear of some kind. The fears of other folks often seem very ridiculous to us, but I am sure our fears seem equally so to them. The individuals who appear to be immune to fear are often the ones who are afraid of the least harmful things. In my opinion, to be afraid is not a sign of weakness or cowardice, and we should not be criticized or condemned. But when we give in to our fear of something to the extent that we let it dominate us then it is another thing. We all admire courage and there are several kinds, but the kind that gives me a thrill is that which is evidenced when an individual takes control of himself and does not let fear keep him from performing a certain task. In our program we have many students who have a real and understandable fear of the water, but I want to say to their everlasting credit that almost without exception these fine boys have had the courage necessary to conquer this fear and have gone on and learned to swim.

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### New Plan Gives Better Selection For All-American

For the first time in the history of football, the outstanding players of small schools will have equal opportunity with those of the larger universities, according to Coach Homer H. Norton of Texas A. & M.

Norton is one of 350 members of the American Football Coaches Association who are helping to select an All-America team under the sponsorship of the Association. Instead of reflecting the views of

### Spanish Club Meets

The Spanish Club held its third meeting of the year Monday night. A team composed of Dick Reed, Stanley Self and Robert Gault won the "Dr. I. Q. Quiz". In addition there were Spanish songs and Mexican slides with comments by J. J. Woolket, head of the Modern Language department.

The next meeting is slated for November 26, at which time slides of a bull fight will be shown.

Officers of the club are: Frank Serna, president; J. B. Frazier, vice-president; H. A. Pate, secretary-treasurer; M. G. Boehl, reporter. Clyde Cecil is program chairman.

one expert or a handful of top-ranking coaches, the new All-America will embody the opinions of all of the 350 members of the Association. This places the selection on a nationwide basis and gives the outstanding performers of both small and large teams a chance at national honors.

Each week the coaches file a report on any player or players who look like All-America material. These reports will be tabulated and forwarded to all coaches for their information in watching remaining games. At the end of November, the coaches will fill out their individual votes for the All-America selection. Under this system, there is little chance of a good man escaping notice.

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