

Aggie Nine Will Play Owls During Muster

Earl Beesley Expected to Start For Cadets Friday Against Rice

The 1946 edition of the Maroon and White baseball team will be out to win a pair for the exes Friday and Saturday as they square off against the Rice Owls in a two-game series at Kyle Field.

The Aggies are expected to start Earl Beesley against the Houston team in the first game Friday as they make a comeback play after an upsetting loss to T. C. U. on Monday of this week. Beesley will be backed up by a starting lineup including the following Cadets, listed in batting order:

"Cotton" Lindloff, shortstop; "Hub" Moon, right field; Peck

Vass, left field; "Snooky" Pressly, third base; "Tex" Thornton, second base; Ed Arnold, catcher; Bill Bradley, first base; and "Stubby" Matthews, center field.

Beesley, a right-handed ex-GI from Dallas, is credited with four conference wins out of the Aggie string of five victories. His best game was the Aggies' Southwest

Conference opener on April 4, when he shut out the T. C. U. Horned Frogs with one ninth-inning single and fanned 16 batters.

Leading the Aggie offense is "Hub" Moon, another letterman GI from Holland, who has a batting average for the season of .529 and bats in the second position. Others who have hit consistently are Peck Vass, Julian Pressly, Mason Matthews, and Ed Arnold.

Rice has lost two games to the conference-leading Texas university Tea-sippers and has beaten T. C. U. once.

Starting time for both games at Kyle Field is 2:30.

KYLE FIELD

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ber the second game of the '39 season when we journeyed out to California to play Santa Clara? On the Aggies' starting eleven was the finest little end that ever put on a suit of Maroon and White. It was none other than Herbie Smith. Herbie was appointed captain for that game by Coach Norton, and the Aggies played a heads-up ball game and won 7-3. After the game, as the custom goes, the captain of the team that wins gets the ball used in the game. Herbie Smith brought that Santa Clara ball back to Texas."

All year Bill Duncan had been trying to get a game ball, but had never been appointed captain in any of the games. Nevertheless, Bill played some fine ball for the Aggies. About this time the big Texas game had moved into the picture, and the Thanksgiving ducks were at a premium. They were practically impossible to get, but Bill and Herbie had managed to obtain some tickets for a gentleman in Houston. So through appreciation this man of Houston gave Bill and Herbie a little extra for getting the tickets for him. Herbie received the money, just before the game, but he didn't see

Brawn and Brain Find Common Ground In Aggie Athletes

Texas Aggie athletes not only make sports teams . . . some of them shine on the "Registrar's team" . . . the Distinguished Student list.

Not to be confused with the "Dean's" team, which is strictly for deficient students, nine A. & M. athletes are included in the list for the 1945-46 Fall semester. Requirements for the Distinguished Student list are a minimum grade point ratio of 2.25 and no grade below a C.

Allen Self, captain of the Aggie swimming team, showed up as one of the 12 students who turned in perfect 3.00 records. All major teams were represented on the list.

Football contributed John Ballentine, Ysleta (2.60); Dean Denton, Harlingen (2.25); and Bill Yeoman, Glendale, Ariz. (2.41). Yeoman also lettered in basketball proving that an athlete can compete in two sports and still make good grades.

Baseball had Bill Bradley, Houston (2.36); and Burton French, Beaumont (2.42).

Basketball turned up with Yeoman; Bill Underwood, Houston (2.52); and Dick Goad, Muskogee, Okla. (2.75).

Track came through with but one man in Ed Hodges, Giddings, with a mark of 2.42.

Many of the athletes now on the teams did not enter school until this semester and therefore could not have made the current list but reports coming in to the athletic department show that several more can be expected to be on the list released in June.

Frogs Hand Ags First Loss in Upset Ball Game

CADETS ARE HELD TO THREE SINGLES

The T. C. U. Horned Frogs upset the Aggie baseball cart Monday at Fort Worth as they scored four runs in the seventh inning for a 4-1 victory. It was the Aggies' only defeat of the 1946 season against ten wins and the Christians' first victory in ten starts this season.

Earl Conrad, veteran right-hander, was the winning pitcher, allowing a long run in the first round and limiting the Aggie sluggers to eight hits. The Frogs got to Elmer Purtle for seven hits, including four solid blows in the seventh for three runs. Earl Beesley who followed was nicked for one run and four hits. A double to right-center by Benny McClure with two away in the big seventh was really the deciding blow.

Texas A&M	Ab	R	H	Po	A
Lindloff, ss	4	0	1	0	2
Moon, rf	3	1	1	0	0
Willingham, rf	1	0	1	0	0
Vass, lf	4	0	0	3	0
Pressly, 3b	4	0	1	0	1
Thornton, 2b	4	0	1	3	2
Arnold, c	1	0	0	5	0
Hartley, c	1	0	0	0	0
Bradley, 1b	3	0	0	10	0
Matthews, cw	4	0	2	2	0
Purtle, p	3	0	1	1	3
Beesley, p	0	0	0	0	0
Mays	1	0	0	0	0
Lindsey	1	0	0	0	0

Totals 34 1 8 24 8
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er up odds and ends from here and there. What should he find, but the Santa Clara ball, all wrapped up in tissue paper. Bill decided he would retrace all the signatures on the ball for they were fading with age. After he was settled in Belton, Duncan got the ball out one night, and began his job of retracing names.

Bill had finished tracing about a fourth of them when he came across three names, one over each other; he stopped, rubbed his eyes, and looked again. Yes, he was seeing correctly, the three names that were side by side on that football were, HERBIE SMITH, "COTTON" WILLIAMS, and DERACE MO-SER, the only three men of that fine 1939 ball club that gave their lives in the past war. Yes, it makes you stop and think.

Duncan until the Aggies had given the Longhorns a thorough tromping, 20 to 7. Herbie was again captain in this game, and he got the Texas ball. After the game Herbie saw Bill, and asked him how much of the money was his. Bill Duncan wanted a game football. He still didn't have one. So he tells Herbie Smith that he can keep all the money if he will let him, Bill, have one of the game footballs for a keepsake. Bill knew how Herbie felt about the Texas ball, so he asked for the Santa Clara ball. Herbie Smith, being the man that he was, not only gave Duncan the ball, but his share of the money also. Bill Duncan was a very happy man.

Well, about three weeks ago Bill Duncan moved to Belton, Texas, to take up his duties as head coach. And, as all of us do when we start moving, he began to gath-

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