

FROM THIS ANGLE

by LARRY GOODWYN

T Formation Bows Out at Aggieland

That little instrument of torture—the football—is beginning to fill the air around Kyle Field more and more often lately as Coach Homer Norton herds his crew of gridiron hopefuls through their spring training paces.

Things are still far too uncertain to make any point-blank predictions concerning next fall, but more and more facts are coming out of the daily drills.

The shift to the double-wing, the same formation that carried the Maroon banner to a National Championship in 1939, ends the reign of the "T" formation which has held sway since 1942. A. & M. was the first school in the conference to shift to the "T" when the formation swept the nation on the strength of Clark Shagnessy's success with it at Stamford.

The "T" has had its ups and down during its short tenure at A. & M. It was definitely up in '43 when Norton whipped a beardless bunch of 17 year olds into one of the most colorful teams the Southwest Conference has ever seen.

Mile Relay Team After New Laurels

The A. & M. mile relay team, which annexed the Kansas Relays mile crown last week, goes after another hunk of big-time glory this week when it competes in the Drake Relays. The Aggie quartet, which ran a miserably slow 3.27 mile on a sloppy track at Kansas, has still to prove its worth to the Middlewesterners. Given a dry track and stiff competition (they should have plenty of the latter anyhow), there is little doubt that they will.

Also going along on the trip besides Harden, Halbrook, Bilderbeck and Napier are sprinter and broad-jumper Webb Jay, high jumper Art Haws and weight man George Kadera. The rest of the squad will take a week off from intercollegiate competition.

Veterans Administration processed over 800,000 applications for all types of benefits during February.

Norton to uncover a smooth-working backfield combination that can utilize the advantages in power and passing offered by the double-wing. In practice, the first team backfield has looked fairly good in running plays off the new formation.

Cashion (of '44 fame) and Batey have been sharing the quarterback slot with Ed Dusek holding down at fullback. A flock of wingbacks are in action, the group including such notables of past Aggie fame as Barney Welch, Pee Wee Smith, Bobby Dew, Frank Torno, and Bobby Goff.

The line at present has five of its seven starters back from last year. Cotton Howell and Country Higgins are handling the ends, Jim Winkler and Sacre are slated for the tackles, Odell Stautzenberger and Tulis are booked for the guards with Gary operating at center.

There's plenty of beef, ability and experience in that group; if the right combination can be found, the Aggies might give the more publicized members of the Southwest Conference a little more than they bargained for.

At least we can say that the prospects for next fall are anything but pitch black as has been the feeling current this spring.

Ambidextrous Hurler



ROY GIBBENS, two-fisted Aggie mound artist, has the ability to put the pill over the plate with either arm with equal skill and is credited with one of the most top-heavy A&M victories in years, the 25-1 decision over Rice on March 28. In that game, Gibbens pulled a muscle in his shoulder and is out of play temporarily.

'Mural Baseball Backstops Finished

By Jack Gray

Softball "pigtales" have found it hard to land a job lately as a result of the newly erected backstops. Nearly all of A. & M.'s softball diamonds are now equipped with the long needed mesh.

The backstops are one phase of the Intramural Departments' efforts to improve intramural facilities. They were installed at a cost of \$5,000. (\$250 each).

Designed for rough play, the backstops promise to offer service to ball players for years to come. They will be available for "scrub" and practice as well as all regularly scheduled league games.

Favorable results have already been noted both on and off the field. Score cards now show up to two more innings of play in the ten minutes of each game was allotted time. Heretofore at least spent retrieving wild pitches and passed balls.

Also installed with the backstops were twenty sets of cement bases which will compete with the meshes in longevity of service.

Thirteen of the backstops have been erected on the campus and three at the Bryan Field Annex. The backstops are located on the Infantry drill field behind Duncan Hall, on the main drill field, and immediately west of Law and Pur-year Dorms.

A&M Fencers Hosts In Quadrangular Meet Today

The Texas A. & M. fencing team plays host to teams from Texas University, Baylor, and Galveston this afternoon in a Southwestern Division Meet of the Amateur Fencing League of America.

Currently leading this division is Texas Tech, holding victories over the Aggies and Galveston and forfeits over Texas and Baylor. The Tech fencers have been successful in all three events, saber, foil, and epee.

The Galveston Fencing club, a group of amateurs, has been active in the sport for a number of years but the clubs of Baylor, Texas, and A. & M. have been unorganized since the beginning of the war.

Tied for second place in the league is Texas and Baylor in the foil and epee with the Steers holding third in the saber.

Another of the Recreational Clubs, the tennis club, will hold a tourney here on Tuesday, April 29 with the Sam Houston State College team.

Population Research Conference to Be Conducted May 1-2

The A. & M. Department of Agricultural Economics and Sociology and the Department of Sociology of the University of Texas will jointly sponsor the Texas Conference on Population Research, to be held on the campus May 1-2, it has been announced by Dr. R. D. Lewis, director of the Agricultural Experiment Station.

A preliminary step in a study of Texas population problems will be the goal of the conference. This conference will bring together some of the nation's recognized authorities on the subject, as well as a number of industrial leaders of the state.

Among the topics to be considered at the conference are the outlook for natural population increases in Texas, the significance of rural-urban migration, and the uses that industry makes of knowledge about the population in planning expansion of business.

National Service Life Insurance provides a type of policy to fit almost every insurance need, Veterans Administration said.

Baseball Statistics Show Aggies Near Top in SWC

LEADING HITTERS

Name	School	Pos	G	AB	R	H	TB	B.A.
Jackson	Texas	3B	6	27	8	14	16	.518
Moon	A & M	RF	5	20	4	9	13	.450
Harrelson	T C U	CF	6	27	4	12	13	.444
Lignon	S M U	C	4	17	4	7	8	.411
Willingham	A & M	CF	7	25	7	10	18	.400
Devereaux	Baylor	RF	6	23	6	9	13	.391
Harris	Baylor	SS	6	23	8	9	10	.391
Busby	T C U	1B	5	23	7	9	14	.391
Vass	A & M	LF	8	36	9	14	17	.388
Berry	S M U	2B	5	16	4	6	7	.374

LEADING PITCHERS

Name	School	G	CC	IP	R	H	BB	SO	W	L	PCT
Layne	Texas	4	2	34 1/2	20	25	19	25	3	0	1.000
Jacobs	A & M	4	1	17 1/2	8	11	12	20	2	0	1.000
Shearin	Baylor	2	0	16	10	24	12	9	2	0	1.000
Turner	A & M	1	0	5	1	3	3	3	1	0	1.000
Jarl	Baylor	3	1	12	4	10	10	10	1	0	1.000
Wall	Texas	1	0	1/2	0	0	0	0	1	0	1.000
Rowe	Baylor	4	2	25 1/2	27	24	14	20	2	1	.666

Bombers Win Home Opener

Following an unsuccessful warm-up season, the Bryan Bombers Thursday night edged out the visiting Lufkin Foresters by the score of 3-1.

Playing on the newly erected Bomber Field, which was put up at a cost of \$45,000, the Bombers swung into the Lone Star circuit with a maximum of fan-fare before an estimated 2000 spectators.

Gene Bauer went all the way for the hosts while Les Brussard was credited with the Lufkin loss, giving up in the seventh to Hutto.

Albritton, the first man up in the Bryan half of the first, took a base on balls. Mamula singled to place the runner on second and Kaluger got a hit to bring in the first run of the game.

Two more Bomber runs came in in the fourth following hits by Phillips and McVey. Christy got on by an error followed by a hit by Phillips and later another by McVey.

Bauer was credited with three strike-outs and Brussard and Hutton.

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\$25 Million Bond Issue Authorized In Vet Land Bill

The Vet Land Bill passed the State House of Representatives Monday by a vote of 124 to 9. The bill would actuate the constitutional amendment adopted last year authorizing the issuance of \$25,000,000 in state bonds for purchase of land for resale to veterans low interest on long terms.

The House amendment reduces the estimate of 10,000 farms and ranches to 8,000 by increasing the maximum cost of each from \$5,000 to \$7,500.

A floor fight over the resale

of the land after the purchase brought the adoption of an amendment to prohibit the resale until after the veteran had owned the land three years.

Veterans who qualify for eligibility to purchase are those over 18 years of age who have served at least ninety days between Sept. 16, 1940 and Dec. 31, 1946, and were honorably discharged. Land will be sold for 10 per cent down with forty years for payment of the balance. The interest rate is 4 per cent.

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Supplement Needed For School Change

Veteran students who plan to change schools either during the summer or fall term but failed to include such information in the forms filled out in Sbsa Hall April 21-25 may fill out applications for a Supplemental Certificate of Eligibility from May 5-9, W. H. Bailey, training officers of the Veterans Administration, announced Friday.

Applications are available in the Guidance Center, Ramp "B", Hart Hall, or the Veterans Advisors Office, 104 Goodwin Hall.

Veteran students who are not attending summer school but are returning to A & M for the fall term, do not need a Supplemental Certificate of Eligibility to reenter, Bailey said.

INTRAMURALS

By Cliff Ackerman

Handball and Horseshoes in Finals For College Championship

Dorm 17 took a fast victory from Mitchell Hall to win the Veterans handball tournament. The winner of the Corps tournament was C Infantry who overpowered a strong G Infantry team. The College championship will be decided April 29 when the two winning teams meet.

The Dorm 17 team will consist of Walker, Aycock, Tubb, Carrington, Cavitt, and Zummo. The winning corpsteam will be made up of Kauskopf, Splitgerber, MacCannell, Ecklund, Kunkel, and Grana.

Over in the horseshoe pits Dorm 17 took another victory over their veteran rivals. In the corps it was A Infantry who withstood the competition to come out at the big end of their tournament.

In the finals for the College championship Dorm 17 and A Infantry will "toss it out".

Officials for The Track and Field Meet are:
Honorary Referee—Dean T. D. Brooks.
Starter—W. G. "Breezy" Breaz-

High School Stars Get Sport Awards At Kiwanis Dinner

The second annual Kiwanis all-sports banquet and party honoring the athletes of the A&M Consolidated High School was held last Wednesday evening at Sbsa Hall. Sweaters were presented to twenty-two football lettermen and four cheer-leaders. Ten basketball lettermen received gold basketballs. Van Adamson received a sweater in swimming.

Special awards were presented to the co-captains and most valuable players in football and basketball. Receiving the co-captain awards in football were Antone Dobrovoly and Johnny Lancaster, the latter also receiving the most valuable player award. In basketball, the co-captain awards went to Johnny Lancaster and Norman Anderson, Jr. The most valuable player award in this sport also went to one of the co-captains, Norman Anderson, Jr.

Chairman of the program was Manning Smith and the address was delivered by Morris Frank of the Houston Post. The banquet was followed by a dance.

Head Finish Judge—Jennings Anderson and Cliff Ackerman.
Recorders—Les Palmer and Tom Crouch.
Clerks of Course—Bud Denton and Harry U. Uthoff.
Judges of High Jump—Don Carden and Jim Searour.
Judges of Shot Put—Frank Young, Dewey Shilling, Wood Garney.
Judges of the Pole Vault—Jim Taylor, W. A. Wilson, Don Frye, Leroy Bodeman.
Judges of the Broad Jump—Vernon Hill and Tommie Benefield.
Expeditors—Jack England, Bob Street, and Gene Nelson.

BOXING RESULTS

Order of Finish	Org.	Part.	Total Pts.
1	F. Fld. Arty.	50	80
2	A. Cavalry	50	50
3	A. Fld. Arty.	40	47 1/2
4	A. CWS	50	57 1/2
5	E. Infantry	40	45
6	A. Signal	50	55
7	D. Infantry	50	51 1/2
8	G. Infantry	40	41 1/2
9	B. Air Corps	50	51 1/2
10	C. Infantry	30	30
11	A. Infantry	50	50
12	B. Fld. Arty.	50	50
13	D. Fld. Arty	30	30
14	F.A. Band	50	50
15	B. Infantry	50	50
16	F. Infantry	20	20
17	C. Fld. Arty	30	30
18	B. Engineers	50	50
19	B. Cavalry	20	20
20	C. Engineers	50	50
21	A. Ordnance	20	20
22	Inf. Band	30	30
23	E. Fld. Arty.	50	50
24	C. Cavalry	20	20
25	D. Cavalry	10	10

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