

# Aggies Carry Unbeaten Record Against Favored Oklahoma

## CRYSTAL GAZING

SMU, Rice, Texas, Arkansas Seen Winners; Aggies Picked Over OU

This week the crystal ball seems to be a mite cloudy (or maybe it is only your correspondent's vision) but here goes for another round of scientific and informed (?) guessing.



Paul Martin

temporarily, the Ponies may have to work for any tallies they may get. In order to keep from having a blank space here, we'll call it 20 to 14, S.M.U.

Texas University, on the other hand, should have no trouble with the opposing team; it is only the coach they have to worry about. North Carolina's mentor Carl Snively, is a lad who dreams up fancy variations of legitimate plays—many of which are eventually outlawed—but one never knows when he will come up with another. Despite these dire thoughts and the fact that North Carolina is highly favored in the deep South, we'll call it Texas by

Starting off with the Aggies in their journey into the wilds of Oklahoma—no, on second thought let's not start off with the Aggies but take an easier one.

SMU should have little trouble in taking a decision from the once-defeated Missouri eleven. However, reports reach us that Matty Bell isn't looking any too happy these days so he may be displeased with this week's prospects. Missouri, which shared last year's Big Six honors with Oklahoma, is better this year with a faster and more versatile line and probably something in the backfield. So, despite the presence of Dpuk Walker and contemporaries, the Ponies may have to work for any tallies they may get. In order to keep from having a blank space here, we'll call it 20 to 14, S.M.U.

### Aggies to Use Weight, Passing To Turn Back Sooners by Seven Points

Getting back to the all-important Aggie-Sooner contest, A&M will hold a slight edge in weight here. (194 to 191 for the team as a whole, 204 to 202 in the line and 184 to 172 in the backfield). This extra weight should come in handy for, knowing the Sooners of old, it will be plenty rough.

John Rapax, 224-pound center from Oklahoma and last year's All-American is described as one of the best men at the pivot in history. Another All-American is 213-pound Paul Burris who will be playing right beside Rapax in the left tackle slot. Right tackle Wade Walker is not to be overlooked

but the man to watch is Dave Wallace, the golden-toed boot-artist who is responsible for converting more than one loss into a victory for the Oklahomaans.

Last year Wallace booted the field goal that gave the Sooners a 10-7 win over the Ags and has started off this year by winning the Detroit opener for Oklahoma with three conversions and a field goal. Providing the Cadets make the first touchdown, Norton's charges should carry the day by three tallies. To be on the conservative side, we'll call it 24-17, allowing for a field goal on the part of Messers Ballantine and Wallace for their respective teams.

## Indications Point to High-Scoring Duel; 30,000 Fans Expected to See Contest

BY LARRY GOODWYN  
Battalion Sports Writer

NORMAN, OKLA., Oct. 3—(Sp)—Two teams from rival conferences both rated "moderately good to potentially powerful" clash here tomorrow when Homer Norton's Texas Aggies and Bud Wilkinson's Oklahoma Sooners bash heads at Owens Field.

Some 30,000 fans are expected to sit in on the 2:30 p.m. kickoff, and if pre-game indications prove true, they may be in for a high scoring offensive duel. Both Norton's pass-producing double-wing setup and Wilkinson's split "T" are conducive touchdowns and an old fashioned Southwest brand of razzle-dazzle may be the result.

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### Football Across the Nation Advances Into Third Week With Irish Opening

John Scurlock

Time for another weekend of 1947 style football, and here is the line up. Topping the list is the North Carolina vs. Texas U. game at Austin. This should be a high scoring contest with passes flying all through the air. Number two for

#### Intramural Notes . . .

### Intramural Season Highlighted By Barbecue Monday

By CLIFF ACKERMAN

A chicken barbecue will highlight the season's intramural program when all Athletic Officers, Team Managers, Intramural Managers, and Intramural Officials gather for a big feed Monday, October 6 at 6:15 at the Grove. Pictures will be made at that time and lots of fun is on the schedule.

**Officials and Managers Working Hard**  
Participants in intramural sports this year will once again have top officiating in all games and sports.

**C. G. "Spike" White and Les Palmer** have taken great pains to drill the intramural managers and officials in rules and mechanics of officiating. An experienced official will be working in each game along with competent managers.

**Cooperation on the part of the players as well as the officials will help make the intramural program a pleasure and a big success.**  
Wednesday's Results:  
**Basketball**  
B Composite edged out a victory from A Engineers 22 to 19 in a fast thriller with Hirsch scoring 10 points for the winners. McCullough ran up 11 points for the losers.

**A Air Force** after losing two games by 1 point came back to slaughter B Cavalry 29 to 13. Richardson for D Field scored 12 points to spark his team to a 22 to 12 win over A Composite.

**B Air Force** slipped by C Composite 19 to 15. Harris from C Composite was high-point man in this game with 9 tallies, while Kruse of the winners followed with 8 points.

**rough going for the afternoon** as the take on Missouri. Army is picking on a weak opponent, Colorado. The Texas Aggies should surprise the nation by beating a good Oklahoma team in a convincing manner.

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As game-time neared, the Sooners were installed as seven point favorites to even up the series that began between the two teams in 1903. Oklahoma's last-minute 10-7 victory in '46 gave the Okies three wins in the series to the Aggies' four.

Both squads appear in good shape for the game although the Aggies are hampered by an outbreak of colds and an ankle injury to second string fullback George Kadera, received in practice. Eddy Davis, flashy Sooner fullback who scored three touchdowns in Oklahoma's "Gator Bowl" victory last New Year's Day, is rounding into shape and will be ready to see action Saturday after a two weeks lay-off due to a pulled muscle.

Two unbeaten records are hanging in the balance. The Sooners having taken their opening game last week from Detroit, 24-20 and the Aggies having polished off Southwestern and Texas Tech in its two opening lifts.

The Sooners, boasting a big, capable line and a jack-rabbit quarterback named Jack Mitchell, carry a fast-striking offense, designed to score quickly and from "anywhere."

**Wallace-Goode Watched**  
It was Mitchell together with Dave Wallace who carried the Sooner's banner so effectively against Detroit last week. The little quarterback sparked two length of the field marches against Detroit and chipped in a 60 yard

**CBS AIRS GAME**  
The Aggie-Oklahoma game Saturday will be carried on a nationwide hookup over the Columbia Broadcasting System, starting at 2:00 p.m. Curt Gowdy will be at the mike for CBS and will carry the game, first nationwide football broadcast ever to originate in Oklahoma, to over 200 stations across the nation. WTAW will carry the game in the College Station area over the Texas State Network.

**Broadcasts**  
CBS (200 stations) at 2:15 p.m. (Curt Gowdy).  
Humble Chain of Texas at 2:15 p.m.  
WNAD (640) of Norman at 2:15 p.m. (Jack Payne).  
**Officials**  
Referee—Ray McCulloch (Texas Christian).  
Umpire—Lawrence Ely (Nebraska).  
Linesman—Lon Evans (Texas Christian).  
Judge—W. C. Mills (West Virginia).

**Consolidated Plays Tonight**  
The A&M Consolidated High School Tigers journey to Centerville Friday night to clash with Centerville in the first district game of the season.

Fresh from their victory over Somersville last week, the Tigers are hampered by a leg injury to Harold Williams, ace halfback. Williams received the injury in practice and may not see action in the game. The Tigers were

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## FROM THIS ANGLE

by LARRY GOODWYN

The Southwest starts playing for keeps this weekend, with its members meeting top-flight teams from the West, South and Big Six while, down in Fort Worth, Arkansas and T.C.U. pry the lid off the conference title chase with the year's opening league game.

The Aggies, of course, will be in Norman to match points with Oklahoma, co-defending champion of the Big Six competition, playing host to Missouri's Tigers in Dallas.

Meanwhile, Rice journeys to the Pacific Coast to meet a fine U.S.C. eleven while Texas stays at home to meet the South's number one team, Justice-powered North Carolina. Baylor is idle.

The Southwest rates no better than an even break in the pre-game forecasts, if they mean anything. The Aggies are down as seven-point underdogs against Oklahoma and U.S.C. deserves a slight

underrated and this will prove it. Too much atmosphere filled with Aggie passes for the Sooners. But, due to several factors, among other things Oklahoma's fine line, the Sooners won't exactly be hanging on the ropes. In fact, we'll call a hasty 14-7 shot for the Aggies and pass on to more solid ground.

From where we sit (too close to the exit, incidentally, for comfort), it looks thusly:

★  
A&M over Oklahoma—without even looking back. We've been saying all year the Aggies are

★  
S.M.U. over Missouri—Depends on how hot or cold Dpuk Walker is. If he doesn't wear himself out making touchdowns, the score could go into the stratosphere. On the chance, he'll be merely hot rather than torrid, its the Ponies 20-6.

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