

FROM THIS ANGLE

by LARRY GOODWIN

Comparative Scores Prove Nothing Toward Naming Saturday's Favorite

After having taken one look at the ratings of Paul Williamson, the noted but questionable football handicapper, we're anxiously awaiting what the bonafide handicappers, pseudo-grid experts, assorted bookies and other assorted collections of forecasters of Southwest games, have to say about the A. & M. - Arkansas game this week-end. Excluding Williamson, who seems to be quite sure of himself on the game, there seems to be an element of doubt concerning who should be favored when the in-and-out Aggies meet the hot-and-cold Porkers.

A glance at comparative scores produces nothing but a headache and a 64 point inaccuracy. A 64 point bludge is pretty tremendous, even in this upset-ridden conference, but the figures speak for themselves. Arkansas topped TCU by six points and the Frogs dumped A. & M. by more—making the Hogs appear 32 points better on paper than the Aggies.

Williamson Ranks Baylor Eleventh Even After Defeat by Aggies

Baylor especially, seems to hold some special attraction for Forecaster Williamson. He rated Baylor tenth nationally before the Bruins were clubbed by the Aggies. After said clubbing, Baylor slid all the way to 11th. By Williamson's standards, an Aggie team having just polished off Baylor in an uncertain terms, still rates 29 places behind that same team. If that's an example of mathematics at work, we're only too happy to be majoring in English. Texas being selected as the top team in the nation for the past several weeks, we also can't see it isn't that we don't concede Texas has a good, possibly great, ball club. In fact, we were one of the first to go on record to pick Texas for the NWC championship. But the floor's performance to date certainly fails to indicate a national champion. The Texas defense looks like a sieve compared to the fine lines of past national champions. Oregon and Oklahoma both purchased it for two touchdowns, the latter team rolling up enough yardage to win any ordinary ball game. And we'll go on record with the prediction that Walker and Co. will drill at least a 13 point gap in the Longhorn forward wall this week-end. Texas still rates as

APPROVE FRANCHISE

ABILENE, TEX., Oct. 29.—UP—Directors of the Longhorn baseball league, meeting here yesterday, agreed to approve a franchise for league membership in San Angelo, provided an eighth city desire league membership can meet league requirements.

Saturday Crucial Day in Southwest Warfare

League Games To Provide Answers To 1947 Puzzles

By ZERO HAMMONDS

Saturday, November 1, will probably be remembered as the Southwest's day of decision when the 1947 football season finally skids to a halt New Year's Day in the Cotton Bowl. Saturday's three conference games will go a long way in answering the numerous puzzles built up through an upset-ridden first six weeks of the campaign.

Two undefeated, untied teams, the speedy Texas Longhorns and the Walkered Southern Methodist Mustangs, tangle in the Cotton Bowl in Dallas before a sell-out crowd of 48,000. This game brings together TU's Bobby Lane and SMU's Doak Walker, the Southwest's two best All-America back candidates, in the nation's number one game of the day. In most quarters it is conceded that the winner will go on to take the conference championship and high national honors with the possibility that the national championship may depend on the outcome. The sports scribes all say that it will be the best game of the year in the Southwest, and the 50,000 football fans who can't get tickets seem to agree.

Other conference games send A&M to Fayetteville to battle Arkansas, and TCU travels to Waco to meet Baylor in a clash that will see one removed from the championship race. Arkansas is already out of the conference race, but the Razorbacks are always tough on their home soil, and their 19-14 upset win over Mississippi last Saturday indicates that they are playing ball again. The Farmers face a rugged afternoon with elimination from conference contention staring them in the face. TCU will probably rate a slight edge over Baylor due to the impressive showings that the Frogs have made the last two Saturdays, but a win by Baylor would be considered no upset.

Rice plays oft-beaten Texas Tech in the only inter-sectional clash, and the Owls should get back in the win column as the Raiders don't appear to be in the same class this year. The Houston club has already lost two conference clashes, but still possess a potent ball team.

Fish-Game Majors Sponsor Barbecue

Bonnet Park was the scene of a get acquainted barbecue for fish and game majors, professors, and their wives Friday afternoon from 3:30 until 7 p. m.

Besides getting acquainted and having a good time in general, the afternoon was highlighted by several spirited volleyball games, the last of which was almost called because of darkness.

Odessa, Corpus Top Schoolboy Elevens

DALLAS, Oct. 29.—UP—Texas sports writers placed Wichita Falls and Odessa on an equal footing as the strongest high school football teams in the state, the Dallas Morning News' weekly poll disclosed.

Odessa, defending state champion, had been rated no. 1 team for five straight weeks and Wichita Falls no. 2. The poll this week showed they had tied for first with 856 points each.

Corpus Christi nosed out Longview for third place in the ratings, while Marshall was fifth and Brackenridge (San Antonio) and Goose Creek tied for sixth position. Waco, Arlington Heights (Fort Worth) and Amarillo rounded out the top ten teams.

Hog's Cagey John Barnhill May Stop Aggies

By ART HOWARD

Arkansas' John Barnhill is a coach who is mighty stingy with points. Last year his Razorbacks held three teams, Rice, SMU, and Baylor scoreless. Last year's Arkansas - A&M game is a good example of the strength of Barnhill's

team. Behind 7-0, the Aggies got inside the Porker's ten yard line on three different occasions, only to be stopped by the tight Arkansas defense.

This strong line was no accident, for Coach Barnhill believes in conditioning; he had his squad run over 1,000 miles during last year's football season to increase their endurance. He worked his boys so hard that they were glad to go on an out-of-town trip—they got more rest on the train than they did at home.

This year is Barnhill's second season at Arkansas. Last year he took over an ailing dark-horse team and piloted it into Conference Co-Champions and a Cotton Bowl game in Dallas.



He was called to Arkansas from the University of Tennessee where he was head coach in Bob Neylands absence. In 1945 his Tennessee team lost only one game while winning nine.

One of Coach Barnhill's main assets is his ability to get a team into mental shape for a game. Strongly-favored Rice found this out last year when the Hogs held them for little or no gain at Little Rock.

Arkansas is especially good on their home grounds with almost the entire crowd their own supporters. They also have the advantage of making their conference opponents travel clear up to the Ozarks on Arkansas' "Toonerville Trolley" railroads.

Notre Dame Regains Lead In National Gridiron Race

Oct. 29.—UP—Notre Dame, still toying with the opposition as it moves toward the Nov. 8 meeting with Army, was back as No. 1 college football team of the country today on the basis of returns from the weekly Associated Press poll.

After giving the Irish second billing to Michigan for two weeks straight, the Nation's sports writers voted Frank Leahy's men their old familiar first-place ranking and dropped the Wolverines to the runner-up position.

Michigan's narrow squeak in pulling a 13-6 victory from Minnesota out of the fire apparently lowered the voters' estimation of the Wolverines. The most extensive weekly poll in many years gave Notre Dame a point score of 1734 (10 points for a first-place ballot, 9 for second, 8 for third, etc.). Michigan's total was 1680. Texas remained in third place with 1516 as a result of the Longhorns' triumph over Rice.

Two new tenants appeared among the top ten with Southern Methodist and Duke supplanting California and Illinois. SMU's Mustangs climbed from 12th to eighth on a 7-0 win over UCLA and now face Texas this Saturday to decide the Southwest Conference lead. Duke's 13-6 conquest of Wake Forest moved the Blue Devils from 15th to 9th in preparation for their forthcoming clash with sixth-place Georgia Tech this week.

Army, still smarting from the 21 to 20 setback by Columbia that

TULSA PURCHASED

CINCINNATI, Oct. 29.—UP—The Cincinnati Reds baseball club announced today it had purchased the controlling interest in the Tulsa Club of the Texas League, the local National League outfit bought 75 percent of the stock, it was stated.

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| 1. Notre Dame (78) | 1734 |
| 2. Michigan (40) | 1680 |
| 3. Texas (25) | 1516 |
| 4. Pennsylvania (11) | 1166 |
| 5. Southern California (6) | 1138 |
| 6. Georgia Tech (2) | 957 |
| 7. Penn State (2) | 632 |
| 8. Southern Methodist | 558 |
| 9. Duke (2) | 252 |
| 10. Army | 208 |
| 11. Illinois, 206; 12. Virginia, 193 | |
| 13. Kentucky, 79; 14. California, 65; 15. Wake Forest, 61; 16. Purdue, 45; 17. Louisiana State, 35; 18. Alabama, 33; 19. UCLA, 28; 20. Columbia, 27; 21. Texas Christian, 12. | |

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SW Statistics Show Hollmig "Heart-Soul" of Ag Attack

DALLAS, Oct. 29.—UP—The value of Stanley Hollmig to Texas A. & M.'s football team is best illustrated by the figures.

Statistics of Southwest Conference football for the season to date, released by James H. Stewart, executive secretary, show Hollmig not only is a great punter but that he's the heart and soul of the Aggie offense.

The big boy from Honda has booted 45 times and averaged 40.0 and he's done this despite the fact that he always aims at the coffin corner and most times places the ball inside the 20-yard line.

But Hollmig also is a top passer. He ranks second to Texas' Bobby Layne with 362 yards on 31 completions in 75 attempts. He has racked up five touchdowns with his tossing.

Layne has completed 34 out of 58 for 587 yards as one of the nation's top passers. Ranking third behind Hollmig in the conference is Jack Price of Baylor with 28 out of 61 for 321.

Doak Walker of Southern Methodist continues to lead the ball-carriers although Clyde Scott of

Ball High Player Dies of Injuries

GALVESTON, Tex., Oct. 29.—UP—Billy Hempel, 16-year-old Ball High School football player, died today from a dislocated neck suffered during a game Friday night with Orange High School. It was Texas' first football fatality of the season. The body has been removed to a funeral home where a death watch was begun this afternoon by fellow athletes. Hempel's death was the first football fatality in Galveston history.

Arkansas is sorely pressing him. Walker has gained 390 yards net on 79 runs. Scott has made 387 on 81. George Walmesley of Rice is third with 291 on 46 carries.

Howard Hughes of Arkansas is the punting leader in actual average but, has kicked only five times for a mark of 45.4. Frank Guess of Texas has 41.6 on 13. But Hollmig is the real leader.

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Land-Grant School Meeting Nov. 8-12

The annual meeting of land grant colleges and universities in Washington, D. C., November 8-12 will be attended by President Gibbs Glechrist and deans of A&M, it was announced today.

Other A&M representatives who will attend a sectional session in their individual fields include:

F. C. Bolton, dean of the college; C. N. Sheppard, dean of agriculture; M. T. Harrington, dean of arts and sciences; H. W. Barlow, dean of engineering; R. C. Dunn, acting dean of veterinary medicine; P. B. Pearson, dean of graduate school.

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