

Injuries Hurt Ag Chances Saturday

Carries Load Saturday

BIG "DUKE"

188 POUND FULL-
BACK FROM
TEMPLE CARRIED
THE BALL 32
TIMES IN 1946 FOR
A NET GAIN OF
95 YARDS.

A PHYSICAL
EDUCATION MAJOR,
HE LETTERED IN '42
AND '46 AND HAS ONE
YEAR OF ELEGIBILITY
LEFT

Ed
DUSEK



WORKHORSE SATURDAY—With eight squadmen, including four regulars, not expected to see play Saturday against the Arkansas Razorbacks, Big Ed Dusek, plunging fullback from Temple, will be expected to see lots of action for Coach Homer Norton's embattled Texas Aggies. Dusek, a two-year letterman, played a prominent part in the Aggies' 24-0 win over Baylor last week gaining 95 yards in 15 carries.

Eight Gridders, Four Starters Out Of Porker Contest

The injury-riddled Aggie football team arrives in Muskogee, Oklahoma at mid-night tonight for a 30 hour lay-over before journeying on to Fayetteville, Arkansas by bus where they will take on the Arkansas Razorbacks in a SWC grid battle Saturday afternoon. The train ride for the physically hand-capped Aggies began at 9:50 a. m. Thursday.

When asked as to the seriousness of the current injuries that are now plaguing the Aggie football team, Coach Norton replied, "The team is more hand-capped by injuries now than it has ever been before." Proof of this is shown by the fact that nine varsity members have been excused from all contact workouts this week.

Leading the list of injured Aggies are All-American guard candidates Odell Stautzenberger and starting end Norton Higgins. Both will definitely not see service in Saturdays tussle but they may round into shape for the remaining games (SMU, Rice and Texas). Stautzenberger is suffering from a chipped hip bone while Higgins' trouble is a badly sprained ankle.

Rickey vs. Lippy?

BROOKLYN, Oct. 30—What does the self-styled "Father and son" team of Branch Rickey and Leo Durocher talk about during those mystery confabs in the Dodgers' offices these days?

The big question in baseball circles is, of course, whether Durocher will be back to manage the Dodgers next year, now that his suspension for the 1947 season has been terminated officially by Commissioner A. B. Chandler.

"They discuss a matter personal to Leo and having nothing to do with baseball," Harold Parrott, secretary of the Brooklyn baseball club, announced after an hour-long session yesterday.

Gold and petroleum are the principal sources of mineral wealth in Colombia.

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FROM THIS ANGLE

by LARRY GOODWYN

Baylor-Aggie Football Feud May Arise From Holmig to Burditt Hideout Play

The opening play of the Aggie-Baylor game last Saturday, the Holmig to Burditt Hideout play, is causing more than the usual amount of repercussions across the state.

It seems the play is being accepted in two entirely different veins, one source praising it and another citing the play as the basis of what might easily develop into a feud between Baylor and A&M.

It seems the High Moguls of Baylor University are bleeding in no uncertain terms about a certain lack of phones from the press box to the Baylor Bench for their spotter. When Burditt trotted off the field to the Baylor sidelines to get in position for the "hideout", the spotter (if he saw the play) was unable to do a thing about it. From what we hear, the grapevine from Waco is that this play had a "demoralizing effect" on the Bears which had a "profound influence" on the eventual outcome of the game.

We wonder if, perhaps, those coffin-corner punts off the toe of Stan Holmig might not have had a "profound influence" on the outcome of the game? There are some who are of the opinion, we are told, that trying to run plays while straddling one's own goal line is a little "demoralizing" in itself.

We're not trying to minimize the lack of phones. It was definitely an unfortunate oversight that the Aggies will do well to correct in the future. But it does seem to us that Baylor is making unnecessary capital of the incident. After all, the Aggies lost eight yards on the next play and eventually had to punt so the play couldn't have been too "profound."

TCU's Hub McQuillan Calls Play "Best I Ever Saw"; Ref. Curtis Says, "Amazing"

Another witness to the "sleeper" play (who was not concerned with telephone communications) is down right lavish in his praise of the manner in which the Aggies pulled this "demoralizer." He's Hub McQuillan, TCU basketball coach who was scouting the Bears, TCU's opponent this Saturday. In the words of McQuillan, the play was the "best I ever saw." And Ab Curtis, the referee, echoes, "it was amazing."

Frankly, we didn't see anything amazing about the play, possibly due to the fact that we didn't see anything about the play. In fact, we were ready to throw Holmig back to Honda for tossing the ball away, when Burditt suddenly trooped out of the gloaming to catch the pass. We didn't see the play, even if the Baylor spotter did.

We didn't see it at the time, but from the post-game conversation, we gather that the real deception in the play lay in the fact that, on the surface of things, there was no deception at all.

Prior to the opening kickoff, Burditt stormed off the field on the Baylor side, took off his helmet and engaged several Baylor undergrads in friendly conversation. He wandered back on the field in time to watch Welch return—the opening kickoff then resumed the bull session with one of Baylor's cheer leaders (doubtless of the female variety). While the little red-head was thus occupied, the Aggies were busily going about the business of playing a football game with ten men.

What happened after that, of course, they're still trying to forget down in Waco. On the first play Holmig dropped back, Burditt took leave, reluctantly or not, from his brief acquaintance, and galloped by a thoroughly unbelieving Baylor bench to catch the pass.

The play netted 30 yards and might have resulted in a touchdown had not Burditt played too close a game of tag with the side line stripes and stepped out on the Baylor 46.

Whether demoralizing or not, we'll bet Arkansas will be counting noses when the Aggies come out of the huddle Saturday.

Williamson Picks Arkansas, Baylor, Rice and Texas to Win in Southwest

The Arkansas Razorbacks will trample the Texas Aggies into the mud Saturday according to Paul B. Williamson in his weekly predictions.

The results of other games in the Southwest as Williamson sees it shows Baylor knocking off TCU, Texas stopping SMU and Rice walloping Texas Tech.

In the Midwest Williamson says it; Michigan over Illinois, Northwestern over Wisconsin, and Purdue over Iowa.

HARD TO STOP

ABILENE, TEX., Oct. 30—In only three games in three years has Al Johnson, Hardin Simmons passer, failed to keep the ball away from the opposition.

In 1946 he had two passes intercepted. Last year he had none. Last Saturday Arthur Tait, Mississippi State end, gathered in one of his tosses, the first interception in 45 throws this season.

Illinois Win Over Michigan Might Cause Tie in Big Nine

CHICAGO, Oct. 30—An Illinois victory over Michigan Saturday in a game rated as just about a toss-up would bring prospects of a three-way tie for the big nine crown and a headache for conference facultyman who must select a Rose Bowl Representative.

Pending Saturday's outcome, a team ranked at the bottom of the pile in preseason reckoning, could become shareholders of the championship without stretching the imagination too far.

One provision of the five-year contract signed by the big nine and Pacific Coast conference last year prohibits Rose Bowl appearances of a league member more than once in three years, regardless if it is the champion Illinois won the title last year and flattened UCLA 45 to 14 New Year's day.

It was argued originally that the provision might rob the Illini of some of their zest on the gridiron this fall inasmuch as the Pasadena trip incentive would be lacking. On the other hand, the incentive would burn strongly in such a game as Michigan, boiling the Wolverines up to charge through to (1) the title; (2) their first chance in the Rose Bowl since hurry-up Yost's 1902 team walloped Stanford 49-0 in the inaugural of the classic; (3) the mythical National championship currently held by Notre Dame.

The Illini, however, are just as anxious to repeat for the big nine as Michigan is to jostle their side.

Purdue enters the picture because it upset Illinois 14-7 last week while Michigan remained undefeated by edging Minnesota 13 to 6. The underrated Hoosiers are in the enviable position of not having the Wolverines on their schedule.

LONGVIEW SOLD
LONGVIEW, TEX., Oct. 30—Outright sale of the Longview Club of the Lone Star League by H. H. Spears to E. C. Johnston, Longview oil man, and a group of associates for \$20,000, was announced today. Twenty players and all physical assets of the club are included in the transaction.

HIGH FINANCE
CHICAGO, Oct. 30—Mrs. H. M. Nichols, Jr., and C. F. Gaines, both of Lexington, Ky., are taking the famed harness racing trotter, Algiers, back home, at a cost of \$70,000.

They paid that amount yesterday as 79-year old Edward J. Baker disposed of his racing stable on the auction block. The price was the highest ever paid for a trotter at auction.



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