

Press Pass to Sports . . .

A Little Mud Between the Toes Will Help Defeat the Aggies' Foes

ANDY MATULA

The sports editor entered our hovel with his long black-snake whip in his right hand and scowled at me in the approved manner.

"Well," he snarled, "you alibied for the Oklahoma game. Now figure out a reason for our tie against Arkansas. I'm taking your mess hall coupon book until you have a story ready."

Then he stalked out, leaving us with a faithful typewriter. In the first place, we don't see the need of an alibi for Saturday's game. It was a good hard fought game and the Aggies had the odds against them before the game. We never criticize an Aggie team when they play a good clean game. But we do feel that the Aggies need a different sort of practice. Here's how.

The Razorbacks have been laying around in the muddy part of their sty all season now. They played both Texas and Mississippi in the rain. They feel perfectly at home out there with mud in their face, their uniforms wet, and their shoes soggy (well, what hog wouldn't?).

New the Aggies have been playing and practicing on the hard sunbaked turf of Kyle Field and other sunny spots. As a result, the Aggies haven't yet developed their web toes so necessary for this part of the country and season. In an ordinary season, the maroon and white boys wouldn't mind playing in Kyle Field if it was filled with mud and water. But the drought has been hard on the Farmers this year, and you can take that both ways, both in Texas and foreign lands.

That leaves Coach Norton and his staff one thing to do; reinduct the team to water. Besides their daily shower, the boys should have to soak their feet in water an hour each day to stimulate the growth of webs between their toes. Then the practice fields should be flooded each day so the shock troops will get the feel of a soggy

gridiron and feel at ease. For tackling practice, the coach should turn loose a half dozen greased pigs on the muddy field and let the team get a shot at them. Any pigs killed in the practice should be used on the training table. Nothing wasted around here. Wet uniforms should be played in and the Aggie passers should learn to handle a wet ball.

Not only should the team prepare for wet weather but the student body should help too. Of course it would be asking too much for all the freshmen at Kyle Field to pray for rain . . . but maybe some of the student body on the main campus would ask in their own way for a rise in humidity. The team needs to get the sensation of rain in their face as well as the feel of water swishing in their toes.

The reason we want all this is so the boys will play better ball on a wet field. As some of us recall, it rains down here, often and hard once it starts. We have to get it started. . . that's all.

As for the game against SMU, we won't hazard out any weather reports or game predictions, but we want the team to be able to go as far in the mud as they can on roller skates.

When, If, and Where Question for O.U., T.U.

DALLAS, Nov. 4.—(AP)—The fate of the annual Tex-Oklahoma football game in Dallas, where bottle-throwing, fist fighting and official-baiting last month brought increased demands from University of Oklahoma officials for its removal, is due to be decided soon.

It all hinges around the University of Oklahoma's desire to put the game on a home-and-home basis. University of Texas officials have said they oppose moving the game from Dallas.

Ponies Eye Grid Ratings; Aggies Prepare For Upset

DALLAS, TEX., Nov. 4.—(AP)—Southern Methodist University folks will scan the national football rankings with much interest this week. Since their football team beat the No. 3 eleven—Texas—this week, naturally will be looking up toward the top instead of down about eighth place where the

Methodists were ranked before the game.

"We won't dispute the ratings," said Lester Jordan, business manager of athletics who handles the school's publicity. "But we do think SMU has a very good record, not just for this year but for both last year and this. Last season we didn't lose an intercollegiate game; this year we haven't lost any and besides have stayed undefeated and untied in the hot Southwest Conference. And the team never has been behind and it has had to fight its way out of some pretty deep

holes before it could take the lead."

The story of SMU's team is one of a solemn pledge made by the squad members last year—that they would do everything necessary in the matter of training and of working toward a high place in the nation's football. They were waiting for Doak Walker then. Doak is back and leading the Mustangs toward what may be their second undefeated, untied season in 33 years of football.

"It is a team of great spirit and a willingness to work," says Mat-

ty Bell, head coach since 1935 on the Hilltop.

But the coaching staff and the team are taking all the praise and big talk in stride. "We know what's ahead—that in the Southwest conference any team is likely to beat any other team on any day," comments Bell.

Southern Methodist faces A. & M. at College Station Saturday in the top game in the Southwest. Two weeks ago Bell, observing that the Conference had three undefeated untied teams at the halfway mark in the campaign, some-

thing previously unheard of down here—declared emphatically that it wouldn't last. "There won't be an undefeated team left when it's all over," he said. Since then Baylor and Texas have fallen. That leaves only SMU. But Matty isn't saying when his team will take the plunge. Maybe he isn't sure.

Crucial Schoolboy Tilts Slated In Nine Districts

Associated Press

The Texas schoolboy football campaign rolls into its most crucial week with unbeaten leaders clashing in five districts and with highly important games scheduled in four more.

The undefeated, untied list also may be depleted further. Just six teams hold this distinction as the race pounds down the stretch. They are Wichita Falls, Odessa, Austin, (El Paso), Corsicana, Longview, and Marshall. Corpus Christi fell out last week, being tied 26-26 by Lake Charles, La.

Here's how the districts look:

1. Amarillo and Borger undefeated. 2. Vernon and Wichita Falls undefeated. 3. Odessa unbeaten leader. 4. Austin (El Paso) undefeated. 5. Sherman undefeated. 6. Grand Prairie and Highland Park (Fort Worth) undefeated. 7. Arlington Heights (Fort Worth) and Paschal (Fort Worth) undefeated. 8. North Dallas undefeated. Forest (Dallas) once tied. 9. Brownwood undefeated. 10. Corsicana and Temple undefeated. 11. Longview and Marshall undefeated. 12. Lufkin undefeated. Jacksonville and Bryan once tied. 13. John Reagan (Houston) and Lamar (Houston) undefeated. 14. Galena Park and Goose Creek undefeated. 15. Corpus Christi undefeated leader. 16. Harlingen undefeated leader.

This week Amarillo plays Borger in District 1. Sherman tackles Paris in District 2. Arlington Heights meets Paschal in District 7. Lufkin takes on Bryan in District 12 and Galena Park and Goose Creek get together in District 14.

Among the important conference games are:

Brownwood vs. Brackenridge in District 9, to be played Armistice Day. Brackenridge, which has lost one game, could climb back into the title running by beating Brownwood.

Corpus Christi vs. Brackenridge (San Antonio) and Austin vs. Thomas Jefferson (San Antonio) in District 15. Defeat for Corpus Christi could throw this race into a big jumble.

At 50 m.p.h. a person sees 14 percent less than he does driving at 45 m.p.h.



Big Bob Ramsey is the 195 lb blocking back in the SMU single wing attack.

Three Grid Teams Remain Unbeaten

Intramural, ASCE, and the Pre-Med Club remained in the undefeated ranks Tuesday as the second week of play came to an end in the Intramural Club League. Each of the three had narrow escapes last week, winning their games by slim margins. The Intramural Club scored a touchdown on the last play in their game with the Hill Club to win, 7-0. ASCE won a scoreless game on penetrations from the Heart of Texas team, and the Pre-Med Club edged out a 7-6 win from the Waco Club.

Results of last week's games are as follows:

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 28
The Austin Club came through to beat the Hill Club on penetrations in a 6-6 tie. B. Hirsch and S. Bogin were the big guns for the Hill team while Jordan stood out for Austin.

The Intramural team held the Newman Club scoreless as the Managers capped a 19 to 0 decision. A 66 yard pass play from Winder to Schumack scored the first touchdown with runs by Zeke Strange accounting for the other two.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 30
All of the scoring was done in the first half in the Pre-Med vs. Waco game. The first touchdown was scored by Earles of Waco on an intercepted pass return with try for point failing.

The Pre-Med touchdown was set up on a pass play from Baros to Fanguy who was stopped on the Waco 35 yard line. Then with the half about over, Baros dashed off tackle for the tying points. The try for extra point by a pass, Dave Barrett to Earle Grant, was good for the winning point.

The Hill Club and the Intramural team battled it out scoreless until the final play, when Zeke Strange broke loose around right end for 11 yards and a touchdown.

INTRAMURAL CLUB LEAGUE STANDINGS

Team	Won	Lost	Pct.
Intramural Club	3	0	1.000
ASCE	2	0	1.000
Pre-Med Club	2	0	1.000
Waco Club	1	1	.500
Austin Club	1	1	.500
Heart of Texas	0	2	.000
Newman Club	0	2	.000
Hill Club	0	3	.000

Aggie, Texas Cagers Open Fall Practice

Seven Lettermen Return to Aggies

By ZERO HAMMOND
The Aggie basketball hopefuls met with Coach Marty Karow yesterday afternoon and began practice for the coming season.

Admittedly short on material, the Aggie roundballers are going to try to make up for what they lack in manpower with sheer spirit and hustle. They appear to have plenty of the latter too, and will win their share of the ball games, but the team isn't likely to become a court terror. The weakest point is the absence of height at the center and forward positions. Loss of Lynn Smith who has transferred to the University of Houston hurt the Ags chances a great deal.

As things stand now Coach Karow's charges will have to depend mainly on speed and deception to win their games. Here again they stack up as only average. With good luck this year's edition should turn in a record similar to last year's of four conference wins and eight losses.

Nine lettermen, five squadmen, three B team additions, and two transfers make up the nucleus on which Coach Karow hopes to build his 1947-48 team.

Returning lettermen are: Mike Garcia, Bill Batey, Sammy Jenkins, Bob Kamperman, Jim Kirkland, Buddy Moore, Deryl Turnbow, Don Volding and Peck Vass. Letterman Tex Thornton has decided to concentrate on baseball and won't be out this year.

Five squadmen, Bill Townsen, Joe Pettit, Bob Hovel, Donald Deere, and Red Langston are back from last year along with Marvin Dealy, Bill Echols, and Jim Hart who have been moved up from the B squad. Expected to bolster the team are two transfer students, R. S. Williamson from Lamar Jr. College and Gene Schriekel from North Texas.

Work starts next week on the repairing and resanding of the gym floor, and the team will work out in the Consolidated High Gym until the regulars are finished. This work has been long overdue as well as several other deficiencies around the field house. Most notable of these is the presence of only one basketball court that is suitable for practice.

The Aggies have a 23 game schedule with nine home games and 14 away including a trip to the Fort Worth Invitation Tournament on December 29-31.

Rice Tickets On Sale Now

Tickets for the Rice A. & M. game will remain on sale all this week in the lobby of the YMCA. The ticket booth will remain open from 9 a. m. till 9 p. m. No date tickets are available but Aggies can purchase their tickets by presenting their coupon book and \$1.20 to the booth. The Aggies meet Rice in Houston on November 15.

Aggie's Wife Wins Q-Back Contest . . . Husband Also Ran

Counting the scores this week in the Battalion Armchair Quarterback contest found two contestants guessing a tie between A&M and Arkansas and 11 picking the SMU-Texas University game right on the head—14-13.

Honors go to Mrs. E. J. Willman of Van Village, the first woman ever to place in the contest. Mrs. Willman called the Aggie-Razorback tilt a 7-7 tie (actual score 21-21), SMU 14, Texas U-13 (on the nose), TCU 28, Baylor 7 (actually 14-7), and Rice '21, Texas Tech 0 (Rice trampled the Raiders 40-7).

Mr. Willman, incidentally, missed on both the Cadet-Porker and Pony-Steer clashes.

C. T. Jones of Dorn 1 was the other contestant calling for a tie between A&M and Arkansas but missed on the SMU-Texas game. Jones' guess was A&M 6, Arkansas 6.

Honorable mention goes to G. D. Carpenter of Dorn 1. Carpenter missed by only nine points; the collective scores of the eight contesting teams. His guesses were A&M 21, Arkansas 19, (two points off) SMU 14, Texas 13, (on the button), Texas Christian 13, Baylor 7, (one point too few), and Rice 34, Texas Tech 7 (six points short on Rice).

Two reserve seat tickets to the Texas Aggie-SMU Mustang game on Kyle Field November 8 will be awarded Mrs. Willman at the regular meeting of the Quarterback Club next Thursday evening.

Included among the speakers for the evening will be Coach Charlie DeWare who scouted SMU last Saturday and a film of the A&M-Arkansas game will be shown.

Grey to Rebuild Texas Quintet

AUSTIN, TEX., Nov. 4.—(AP)—Coach Jack Grey started a rebuilding job of the University of Texas basketball team as official practice begins Monday.

He has four of his so-called "big seven" back from last season, but the Longhorns' two leading scorers, John Hargis and Diminutive Roy Cox, are gone. Dan Wagner, the one-hand long shot expert has also departed.

On hand to give Texas a good chance of retaining its conference crown are five lettermen and two of Grey's famed "three mics" who burned the courts with their sizzling speed for 26 victories in a 28-game schedule.

The speedsters are Slater Martin and Al Madson, all-conference guard for the past two years.

Long John Langston, 6-foot, 7-inch center, is the third starter on hand. He is destined to handle most of the pivot and backboard play for the Longhorns.

Wilby White, two-year letterman and Tom Hamilton, a slick ball handler who was relief man for Hargis, round out the list of veterans on Coach Grey's squad.

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Substitute end John Milam will likely go in to catch some of Doak Walker's passes Saturday.

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Athletic Head At Trinity U. Resigns

SAN ANTONIO, Nov. 4.—(AP)—Bob Coe, athletic director at Trinity University here, has resigned. The San Antonio Light says he stated today.

He said an "untenable situation" had been created when he was relieved as head coach and the duties turned over to Jack Sanders after the first couple of games this season.

Coe, father of two children, the younger 3½ weeks old, said he would move his family to his home at Stockton, Calif., in a few weeks. Dale Morrison is taking over temporarily as athletic director.

KRUG WILL REST
WASHINGTON, Nov. 4.—(AP)—Secretary of the Interior Krug will take several weeks' rest on advice of his physician, a department official said today.

TAKES NEW JOB
NEW ORLEANS, Nov. 4.—(AP)—After more than 25 years as a sports writer and a quarter of a century as sports editor of the New Orleans Item, Fred Digby today embarked on a new career—General Manager of the New Orleans mid-winter sports association.

ASKS GERMAN PEACE
ANN ARBOR, MICH., Nov. 4.—(AP)—Sen. Vandenberg (R-Mich) yesterday advocated a separate peace with Germany if the Council of Foreign Ministers remains deadlocked through this winter.

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