

Underdog Aggies Leave Friday For SWC Game With Owls Favored

CRYSTAL GAZING

By PAUL MARTIN

The stage is set for any number of possible upsets this week-end as the '47 grid season swings into the final weeks of play. Southern Methodist, untied and undefeated, goes up against Arkansas, a three-time loser. Texas Christian travels to Austin for a round with the once-beaten Longhorns. A&M journeys to Houston to take on the Rice Owls and Baylor winds up its non-conference play with Tulsa U. in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

SMU rates high over the Razorbacks who have only shown short bursts of promise all season. Notably in the tussle with Ole Miss, the Hogs set the opposition on its heels, boasting only one SWC win so far, the Porkers have developed primarily a defensive team with everything built around one man—Clyde Scott.

On the basis of past performances, we can't see anything less than a decisive victory by the Ponies. Taking a long shot, we'll call it SMU 21, Arkansas 6.

The Texas U. clash with the Horned Frogs may well make history of one sort or another. Dutch Meyer has been getting his charges in shape for this tilt for the past two weeks, having been idle last week-end, it may turn out to be a matter of whether Lays can toss about six more passes than the Frogs can knock down. However, both teams have something on the other side as well. Texas having some of the best defensive linemen in the country in Joe Magliola and Dick Harris while the TCU offense is not to be overlooked with such men as Lindy Berry, Jim Lucas, and Pete Stout, sparking the drive. Texas set an enviable record—four in six starts before dropping a 14-13 decision to SMU. TCU, on the other hand, was slated for the cellar by pre-season forecasters and started out in that direction. After tying their opener with Kansas and losing the next two, Purple began to play in earnest, upsetting Miami U., Texas A&M, Oklahoma, and Baylor in that order.

Considering that the loser will also be eliminated from the conference race, both aggregations should be giving their best exhibitions. Despite the chances for an upset here, we'll stick by the books

(as well as the strong right arm of Texas' tailback Bobby Layne) and give the Beers the nod by about 14-7.

After dropping the Mustang tilt last week-end, the Aggies are out of the running by virtue of two defeats and a tie—and all they have to worry about now is beating the other guy. The Owls, pre-season favorites to repeat (they were two-time champions along with Arkansas last year) got off to a bad start, collecting three losses and a tie in their first five games.

Since that time, however, Jess Neely's charges seem to have been inspired by something or other for they first ran roughshod over the Texas Tech Red Raiders 24-7 and then slaughtered a visiting team of Arkansas Porkers 28-0.

Possessing a world of material Neely will have the advantage of playing on home ground and will have practically the entire squad



J. W. MAGEE, 220 pound, 5 foot 10 inch guard, is at left guard in the Rice line replacing All-American Weidon Humble. His seasons play indicates that he has capably filled the shoes of last years All American, and he will undoubtedly deal the Aggies much misery Saturday.

playing last year downed the Cadets 27-10 on Kyle Field. Though admitting that Rice has an exceptionally good team, as evidenced by the last two performances, we believe the Aggies have a better one. Providing the Maroon and Whites are in condition, we'll give them the signal by not less than two TDs. Calling this the upset of the week, we'll say A&M 21, Rice Institute 7.

Oklahoma Aggie Squad Backs Coach

STILLWATER, Okla., Nov. 13 (AP)—Members of the Oklahoma A&M football squad indicated Wednesday they are 100 per cent behind Coach Jim Lookabaugh and the hanging of Lookabaugh effigy Saturday night was reported as the work of a few pranksters.

The O'Collegian, Oklahoma Aggie student newspaper, said the dummy used in the demonstration which was made from homecoming decorations. The effigy was hanged from a tree on the campus and an anonymous phone caller attempted to arouse students in campus houses. There was no response and three student senators cut down the dummy.

Rice Rates Two Touchdown Edge on Norton's Charges

By LARRY GOODWIN

An underdog Aggie football team, its aerial weapons sharpened for an upset attempt over a bitter rival, leaves College Station Friday for Houston where the Cadets will meet the Rice Owls before a sellout crowd Saturday.

Some 30,000 fans will be on hand to see the two clubs battle to keep out of the second division in the final Southwest Conference standings. Each has won one and lost two with the Aggies also having a tie against Arkansas on their conference record.

Rice, off its sparkling performance against the same Arkansas eleven in Houston last week, rates a number two-touchdown blitz over A & M.

The Owls moving principally along the ground have relied on the swiftness of George Walmesley and the power running of Carl Russ to gain three wins and a tie in seven starts. Virgil Eikenberg ably assisted by Tobin Rote, has sparked the Feathered Flock in the air. Rote has come along fast in the last three games and may prove the difference in the two teams Saturday.

Coach Homer Norton said the Aggies would again take to the air in an attempt to score an upset. Boasting the conference's leading passing game, the Cadets have been drilling all week on their overhead game with Beryl Baty and Stan Holling, the league's number two and three tossers, respectively, doing the pitching.

Big Ed Dusek, the Farmer's chief ground gainer and fifth ranking fullback in the nation in yards gained rushing, is rounding into shape and should be in top condition against the Owls.

With the exception of Jimmy Cashion, still out with a broken leg, and James Hallmark, the Aggies will be in good physical condition for the game.

Probable Starting Lineups:

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| Rice | LE | Howell |
| Williams | LT | Winkler |
| Armstrong | LG | Owery |
| Mages | LG | Gray |
| Watson | C | Stautzenberger |
| Nicholson | RT | Tulle |
| Spruill | RE | Higgins |
| Lanza | RE | Hollmig |
| Eikenberg | QB | Goode |
| Walmesley | HB | Welch |
| Anderson | HB | Dusek |
| Russ | FB | |



JOE WATSON, 220 pound All-America center candidate, is one of the bulwarks in the Rice Owls' forward wall. He is a good down field blocker, plays a whale of a defensive game, and usually manages to stay in his opponents' hair for the full 60 minutes.

Aggies Go Through Rough Work-Out Preparing for Rice

Coach Homer Norton sent his Aggie Varsity charges through their third day of rugged workouts on Kyle Field Wednesday afternoon as the Cadets eleven prepared to meet the Rice Owls in Houston, this coming Saturday.

When asked for his opinion on the coming tilt, Norton said, "Our chances of winning are as slim this week as last. But the boys are promising to put in a good game." Norton also added that the team

A cute vivacious little blond, age 6, with big blue eyes ran out onto the football practice field Wednesday afternoon and tugged on the sweater of one of Coach Johnnie Frank's "B" team players.

"Will you please win that game for me Saturday?" she asked. "I want the Aggies to win." The boys gathered around her, noting that she wore a white sweater with a red "T".

Questioned by the press, she gave her first name as Jean but refused to divulge her last name saying, "It's too hard to say." She annexed several of the backs as her boyfriends then scampered home after the "B" team boys promised to do what they could for her.

seemed more interested in the Thanksgiving game with Texas University than the battle with the Owls.

Big George Kadara reinjured his ankle in Wednesday's drill and Norton said it was questionable whether he will see action Saturday. Otherwise all the team is physically up to par.

Charlie DeWare's freshman team scrimmaged with the Varsity as they readied themselves for their coming game with the Rice Owls on Kyle Field Friday afternoon.

state champs of Ohio last year and this year so far have lost only one game in eight starts. Their starting line up will average about 178 pounds, which is comparable to that of Austin.

Williamson Picks Rice, Baylor, Texas

(Ed. note) The poetry, which can't be much worse than Williamson's predictions, belongs to the Sports Dept.)

Texas U. over TCU.
The Frogs are ready—
For Freddy.

Rice over A&M.
The twelfth man says no,
Tain't so.

SMU over Arkansas.
Walker over Scott.
By quite a lot.

Baylor over Tulsa.
The Bears are overrated.
This time they're fatted.
Notre Dame over Northwestern.
The Irish won't fare
In the Wildcat's lair.
Michigan over Wisconsin.
Michigan's fine.
But we can't make it rhyme.

Weaker Sex? . . .

Stinnett High School Girl Takes Field Friday, To Crash Starting Grid Lineup

STINNETT, TEX., Nov. 12. —(AP)—Frankie Groves gets her chance Friday night to show girls can play high school football just like the boys. Frankie, 16, is five feet four and weighs a solid 125 and she's going in at right tackle for Stinnett High School in the big game with Groom.

Coach Truman Johnson says Frankie, whom he considers quite capable of handling a lineman's assignment on his team, will start the game if Stinnett kicks. "She's a better tackler than blinder and I want to get the Groom receiver dead in his tracks," explained Johnson.

But whether Stinnett kicks or receives Frankie is going to play. A crowd of 3,000—all the field can hold including standing room—is expected to watch the first Texas schoolgirl perform on the gridiron.

There is no rule against it and she has her parents' consent. Mrs. Tom Groves, her mother, said boys of the community had refused to let Frankie play football with them because she is considered too rough.

But Groom can't do anything about it and Friday night Frankie will be on Stinnett's side—so that's that.

Frankie has been a little surprised by all the fan mail, telephone calls and such that have come to her from over the nation. "I'm serious about this business," she said. "It's not a stunt."

Coach Johnson announced Frankie in good condition. She has taken work-outs regularly with the squad this week and yesterday doubled the conditioning because she also played a game with the girls basketball team.

Tonight she will go to prayer meeting at the Baptist Church but all other nights will be in bed by 9:30 o'clock.

It will be Stinnett High's last game of the season. The team has lost five and won three this year and is out of the district race. "Frankie means business," said

Ohio HS Eleven To Play Austin High Of El Paso Friday

Friday night El Paso will be the scene of perhaps the biggest state inter-sectional high school game of the season: Austin High School plays host to the Waite High eleven, which travels all the way from Toledo, Ohio.

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Fightin' Irish Becoming Too Powerful for their Own Good

By CHARLES CHAMBERLAIN

SOUTH BEND, INDIAN, Nov. 12 (AP)—Is Notre Dame becoming a football Frankenstein, too powerful for its own good? It is no secret that the university has run into schedule difficulties and that some schools of the gridiron class required for a representative season are being scared off.

The severing of relations with Army—whether the 34-year-old rivalry has become dangerously over-emphasized or for off the record reasons involving personalities—shocked many Notre Dame alumni.

And now, just a few days after the Irish walloped the Cadets 27 to 7 in the series' finale, come reports that Coach Frank Leahy offered his resignation.

The school's president and vice-president, the Revs. John J. Cavanaugh and John H. Murphy, respectively, quickly denied that Leahy had proposed to quit, either orally or in writing. Then Leahy issued a statement through the Notre Dame publicity section that he would "consider it a great honor and privilege to remain at Notre Dame for as long a period of time as university officials believe I can be an asset to this institution."

The report was started yesterday by Joe Williams of the New York World Telegram and H. G. Salsinger of the Detroit News who wrote that Leahy offered to resign because of repercussions of the Army-Irish break-off.

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