

CRYSTAL GAZING

By PAUL MARTIN

With the 1947 pickup season eight weeks gone, anything that happens in the next two weeks may seem like an aftermath but a lot can happen in that time. SMU, with two clashes left on the books, need make only one slip to give Texas a slot at a co-championship and, as an alternative, the winner of the TCU-Rice battle could conceivably end up in two-way tie with Texas for second place.



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show no signs of relinquishing it. To pin the margin down a bit closer we'll predict SMU 28, Baylor 7.

Though the tussle between Rice and Texas Christian should be about equal, the rapid improvement shown by Jess Neely's late-starting Owls leads us to put all kinds of odds on the visitors. We believe that the kind of ball the Owls were playing when they stomped the Aggies last Saturday would have been good enough to edge any team in the nation. It was such potential capability as this that probably prompted pre-season critics to call on Rice to repeat.

So, despite the Frogs' excellent showing up until the tilt with Texas and their exceptional defense record, we'll give the Owls the nod here. Neely's charges are capable of playing any kind of football and if the ground game gets too stiff, they can revert to the air and vice versa. For this reason, we'll call it about 13-7, Rice.

Charlie DeWare's Aggie Fish team hits the road for the final game of the season. The witless Fish tangle with the equally unsuccessful Texas University Shorthorns as a pre-view of the varsity clash later and as a climax to their own efforts this year.

With both teams striving for their first win of the season and knowing that this is their last chance, this should be interesting to say the least. The Yearlings boast one of the finest freshman lines in the state, have the advantage of weight plus an entire starting forward wall made up of former All-staters.

On the other hand, the Cadet aggregation is one of the fastest improving and most promising teams here since 1941. The backfield is speedy and tough and the line has shown its strength more than once when the chips were down. On a hunch, we'll give the nod to the Aggies in this classic with reservations. With a minimum of injuries and the right spirit, DeWare's charges should be able to take the hosts. On this, we'll call it the Junior Aggies 18, Yearlings 14.

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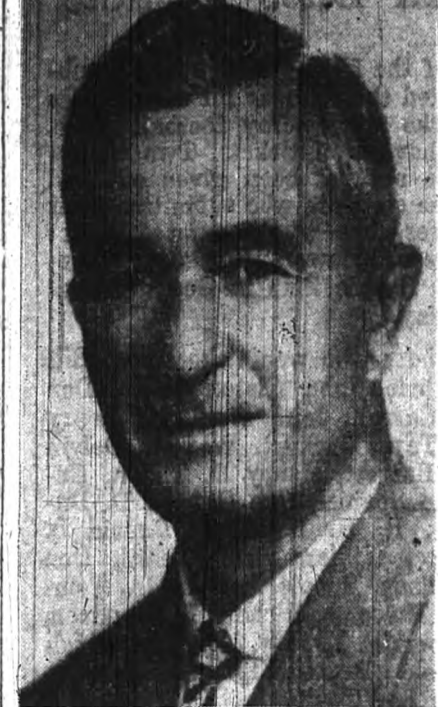
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Fish Meet Texas Shorthorns Tomorrow in Austin

Proceeds of First Annual Game Directed to Charity

By TONY SORENSEN

The dawn of a new era in Texas-A&M gridiron relations will unfold tomorrow afternoon in Texas' spacious Memorial Stadium when the Aggie Fish team tackles the Texas Shorthorns in the inaugural game of an annual series between the freshmen teams of the two schools.



AUSTIN, Nov. 21 (AP)—University of Texas Longhorn football coach Blair Cherry underwent an emergency appendectomy early this morning. He was reported by hospital attendants to be "resting nicely."

Barney Poole Bids For New Pass Mark Thursday's Game

NEW YORK, Nov. 21 (AP)—Big Barney Poole of Mississippi, who caught 13 passes for 95 yards last week, has only to wrap himself around three more to set a new collegiate record in pass receptions and join his battlement, Charlie Conerly, among the record holders. The old mark of 50 was set by Henry Stanton at Arizona in 1941. Stanton's standard of 820 yards, however, is not endangered. Poole has gained 473 yards with his 48 catches, well behind the yardage leader, Bill Swiacki of Columbia, whose 517 yards to date already surpasses the 1946 high of 497 yards.

Poole has caught eight touchdown passes from Conerly, who set a new record for pass completions last week by getting his 120th bulleye.

Lindy Berry of Texas Christian continued to lead the punt returners with his 427 yards, but he surrendered the title of busiest safety man to Don Ferguson of Iowa State, who has logged back 36 against Berry's 35.

Bob Smith of Iowa took over first place in kickoff returns, retrieving 14 for 317 yards. Aubrey Fowler of Arkansas was sixth in punt returns with 18 for 356 yards.

RECORD OF UNBEATEN HIGH SCHOOLS
Records of undefeated Texas high school football teams:

TEAM	W	L	T	Pts.	Op.	Pct.
Otessa	9	0	0	324	35	1.000
Longview	9	0	0	108	0	1.000
Wichita Falls	8	0	0	268	7	1.000
Goose Creek	8	0	1	149	26	.944
Forest (Dal)	4	0	3	50	7	.786

NEW ORLEANS, Nov. 21 (AP)—Herbert Schull, Texarkana, Tex., was named a director of the Southern Veterinary Medical Association yesterday at the closing session of the 30th annual meeting.

AP POLL RATES WICHITA FIRST
DALLAS, Nov. 21 (AP)—Wichita Falls is getting better every week in the opinion of sports writers who rated them the number 1 high school team in the state in the Dallas Morning News' weekly poll.

The Coyotes received 17 first place nominations and enough second points to give them a total of 269½ points, four better than second place, defending state champion Otessa. It is the biggest margin the Coyotes have held over Otessa this season.

Longview's unscored on Loboed edged Lufkin for the third place in the top ten, putting all three of Texas' undefeated, untied teams ahead of the field.

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Steers, Aggies Prep For Turkey Day

Thursday's Game 53rd Renewal Of Ancient Classic

The Southwest's most classic grid rivalry has its annual renewal Thanksgiving Day with more at stake than the usual tradition.

It's the 53rd game in 54 years for the University of Texas and Texas A&M Thursday afternoon on the Kyle Field. The habitual sell-out crowd will be on hand to see the Aggies' effort to stop Texas short of what may be one of the greatest football seasons.

Texas, with eight wins and a single-point loss and with a scoring total of 233 points against 54, must hurdle a determined group of Aggies and the ancient Kyle Field jinx to keep alive (1) its championship hopes should SMU stumble and (2) its candidacy for a post season game.

On Kyle Field, Texas had never won until the great '41 pack of Longhorns burst the bonds of tradition with a 23-0 triumph. And since that day, the Steers have wound off consecutive wins. With the upset of 1940 in Austin, when Kimbrough and Company fell to Texas, 0-7, Texas has a string of seven straight.

Physiologically, though, A&M is in a tailor-made situation for an upset; the Cadets will be playing for a victory with which to recuperate from five losses in their past seven games, while the Longhorns will be under the pressure.

Psychologically and otherwise, it also will be a day of relief for a flock of Southwest Conference Coaches—it will be Blond Bobby Layne's final appearance with the Orange and White, and the end of one of the biggest passing threats in Southwest history.

SMU-Baylor Tussle Heads SWC Slate; Frogs Meet Owls

The Baylor Bears will be striving to give more strength to their title of being the upstartest team in the nation Saturday when they meet the undefeated and untied Southern Methodist Mustangs in Waco. The Ponies will rule heavy favorites to down the three beaten Bears, but a sell-out crowd is expected to be present just in case they don't.

The Mustangs need only one win to clinch a tie for the title and a right to play in the Cotton Bowl in Dallas on New Year's day.

Meanwhile, Rice's rebounding Owls polished off last-minute drills and prepared to leave for Fort Worth, where Saturday they will meet the Texas Christian Horned Frogs.

The game will be the fifth conference affair for both teams, each having won two and lost two of their previous games.

The Owls, on the strength of one-sided wins over Arkansas and the Texas Aggies, will be favored to dump Dutch Meyer's charges. A sellout crowd is expected.

A&M and Texas are idle, resting for their annual meeting Thanksgiving Day. Arkansas is also off this weekend, preparing for its Turkey Day clash with Tulsa University.



POWER PACKED—One of the bulwarks of Texas' line this season has been hefty Dick Harris, former all-state center who has been converted to a tackle. Harris, a star performer all-season, is receiving heavy backing in support of his bid for all-conference honors.

Consolidated Plays Marquez Tonight

A lively battle is expected tonight when the A&M Consolidated Tigers meet the Marquez Yellow Jackets at College Station in the District 27-B football championship game. Tiger Coach Les Richardson stated yesterday.

The Consolidated team, undefeated and untied in district play, has rolled up 223 points in four games, holding their opponents scoreless. The Yellow Jackets have chalked up 92 points, as compared to 19 for their opponents.

The Tigers' two-star halfbacks, Hal Williams and Wally Anderson, are in good shape for the game. Williams leads the district in scoring with 82 points. Anderson is trailing close behind with 70 points to his credit.

Scoring for the Yellow Jackets is scattered among the first four backs, Watson, Lanier, Winn and Newsom. All of these boys are fast and can pace the field if given the opportunity.

Marquez has a strong defense and has blocked at least one punt in each of their games.

Big Bill Autrey of Marquez and John Killough of the Tigers will battle it out for all-district center. At the present Autrey has the edge with his frequent pass interceptions.

A record crowd is anticipated as ticket sales have been brisk all week. Tickets are on sale at the high school office.

The A. & M. Consolidated Tigerette girls drill team will perform at the half.

Irish vs. Tulane So. Cal. and UCLA Football Highlights

By HAROLD CLAASSEN
NEW YORK, Nov. 21 (AP)—This is the final big week-end of college football this season and is the Saturday of tradition—when previous form and records go out the window.

Southern California-UCLA; a Southern California triumph would give the Trojans the opportunity of playing in the Rose Bowl and they should get that victory on the quarterbacking and passing of Jim Powers and George Murphy.

Ohio State-Michigan: It is doubtful whether the Wolverines will duplicate their 58 to 6 massacre of a year ago. But they have the talent to do it, Michigan.

Tulane-Notre Dame: This game is important only in that it ends, for the time being at least, another series. The Irish have too much power for Tulane. Notre Dame.

LSU-Alabama: Since the Alabama linemen have lost their excess weight they have yielded just two touchdowns in their last five games.

Cadets Go Through Light Work-Out In Thursday Practice

By ART HOWARD
The Aggies went through a light workout yesterday, a 45-minute drill against the freshman and B teams.

The practice was not as good as it has been lately. There were too many fumbles in the backfield, part of which was due to bad passes from center. A handoff play in particular was not working because of ill timing.

The second string line was not opening up a big enough hole through center for the ball carrier. The possible trouble was "pointing" by some of the players, because the Freshmen seemed to be able to diagnose what the play was going to be and stop it cold.

Coach Norton had Stan Hollmig, Ed Dusek, Bury Bates and Preston Smith in one backfield squad which he alternated with one composed of Paul Yates, Barney Welch, Jesse Burditt, and Stan Hollmig. Yates did a good job of carrying the ball over right tackle and center, and Welch was having success with the left guard slot.

Except for one play the Aggies did not have much with their passes either. The Fish and Bees were blocking too many, although there were several long ones completed.

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