

Aggie-Steers Clash at 2:30 Thursday Afternoon on Kyle Field

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CRYSTAL GAZING

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We've been putting this one off as long as possible. The Turkey Day classic has produced many upsets and even more surprises in its few decades of existence.

Starting back in 1894, this ancient rivalry has grown to proportions unequalled by even Army and Navy and Yale and Harvard. Once underway, the contest reached the point of each team taking every other tilt, the winner being decided on whose home field the game was played.



Aggies still like to look back to 1915 when a handful of maroon-jerseyed gridsters neglected to read the papers announcing four to one underdogs and proceeded to run over, through, and around the invaders to the tune of 13 to 0.

Longhorn supporters, of course, can still remember clearly when, in 1940, eleven men in orange interrupted a winning streak of 19 straight games for the Aggies and jarred the Cadets down to earth.

As it stands this year, the boys from Aggie-land haven't much more than a fighting chance, any way you take it, according to statistics, past records, or plain, common mathematics. The Steers boast one of the greatest teams ever to play at that school while A&M is painfully short in depth and talent in some spots.

Too, behind the rifle-armed Bobby Layne, Texas has developed an aerial circus that is second to none in the conference. Dope sheets from Conference Secretary James Stewart show that the Longhorns have gained more yardage than any team in the league, including SMU.

To stop this, Norton's charges have virtually no pass defense. Should Stan Holmberg, the tall, triple-threat quarterback be able to repeat his miraculous punting performance of the well-remembered Baylor fiasco, the Farmers

might be able to keep close but this is only a start.

This is the darker side of the picture. On the other hand, Coach Homer Norton states that he is not conceding anything. To be figured into the results also is that intangible something called spirit. The Aggies, have spirit and providing that can have much bearing on the outcome, could well keep the visitors too busy to think about making touchdowns.

The only trouble here is that the Steers may have spirit too. So since we have nothing to lose (we know better than to bet on our predictions and our reputation went down the drain long ago) we'll try for the last time to give out the genuine, certified, inside dope on the outcome of the clash between the Texas Aggies and Texas University Longhorns on Kyle Field Thursday afternoon.

Though the Steers are reputed to be three touchdown favorites, we'll call it only 13-0 and keep our fingers crossed.

Should the Aggies emerge victorious, it will be the biggest upset in the history of this rivalry—and we're not saying it can't be done.

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Tomorrow afternoon on Kyle Field when the Aggies clash with the Longhorns in their traditional grid battle, twelve Aggies will end their college football careers. Seven of these gridsters will have completed all of their eligibility at Aggie-land while the remaining five still have another year, but are scheduled to graduate before the '48 season rolls around.

Five of these men, who will be finishing their football careers for the Maroon and White, are in the present Aggie starting line-up while the other seven are important cogs in the Farmer grid machine. It is estimated that this is the greatest loss any Aggie team has suffered by graduation since 1940 when John Kimbrough, Jim Thomson & Co. bowed out.

Two of these Aggies, (Bob Gary and Norton Higgins) are vying for their fourth varsity letter, a feat that became possible when Freshmen were made eligible for varsity football in 1943. Ed Dusek, Barney Welch, and Bob Tulus will have each won three varsity letters and one Freshman numeral which is the maximum under the old rule that is now back in effect.

If all of these twelve graduating Aggies letter this Fall this potent group of gridsters will carry 35 varsity Football letters with them when they leave Aggie-land.

COTTON HOWELL, a big, genial end, will be up for graduation in the spring but may possibly remain over to use his additional year of eligibility. Hailing from Nacogdoches, the 193-pound pass snatcher has two varsity letters to his credit. Howell has proven equally effective on the defense and the offensive, more than one opposing ball carrier being set back by the loss of many yards due to his alertness. Howell is majoring in P. E. and hopes to become a coach after graduation.

BOB GARY, center, won a starting berth at pivot last year and has kept it all this season. Reputedly one of the best, if not THE best line-backer in the conference, the 184-pound Dallasite will have earned his fourth football varsity letter at the end of this season. Strangely enough, Gary didn't play football back in Highland Park but used his energy twirling the baton while Doak Walker and Bobby Layne took grid honors.

ROBERT (BLOODY) TULIS, 234-pound left tackle from Fort Worth, will take his third varsity letter in football this season. Earning the name of Bloody, the 26-year old senior went on to fill the spot where the A&M team was weakest, this season in depth. Playing a good share of each game, Tulus won and kept a starting berth on this year's squad to pair off with Jim Winkler and keep tackle from being actually the weakest position.

NORTON (COUNTRY) HIGGINS, starting right end from Galveston, will be out for his third varsity football letter this year. The 192-pound, five foot, eleven-inch lineman has developed into an outstanding defensive end as well as a bang-up pass snatcher. It was Higgins who took Baty's pass to rack up the Aggies' first score against Oklahoma.

JOE SACRA, left tackle from Denison, started the season playing guard, continued at both guard



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Aggie Soccer Team Takes 3-2 Win Over Allen Academy

A&M's little heard about but very active Soccer Club defeated the Allen Academy Ramblers by a score of 3 to 2 in the mud and rain Saturday afternoon on the Allen field.

Both teams showed plenty of spirit in spite of the weather, which was definitely a handicap to each side. The teams agreed that this was to be the first of a series of games between the two teams.

In the first half, two alert Aggie forwards Plinio Junquera and Dick Mendoza, put the Aggies out in front by booting over two tallies. The Allen team, not undaunted, tried vigorously to score but the Aggie defense tightened and goalie Joe Donahue had a busy afternoon fending off the ball.

Allen pushed over its two scores in the last half, but the international Aggie team drove on until they added another point for their margin of victory.

The A&M forward wall consisted of Dick Mendoza, Plinio Junquera, Oscar Jimenez, Claudio Ortiz, and Ed Paninski. Julio Casas and Orlando Oleaso were half backs and Armando Valle played as fullback. Joe Donahue stayed in as the A. & M. goalie.

The next game with Allen is slated to be played on the A&M campus and will take place sometime after the Thanksgiving holidays. The Aggies look forward to other outside games, including a match with Texas University.

Jose Torres, club reporter, stated that more players are needed and anyone interested could come out for practice each Monday, Wednesday, and Friday afternoon from 4 to 6 p. m. behind Kyle Field.

Twelve Stations To Carry Annual A&M-TU Battle

Relaxing from a heavy Thanksgiving dinner at home, those football fans who like their games in a soft armchair may hear the traditional A&M-Texas gridiron battle broadcast over any of twelve Texas stations. The Humble Oil Company for the thirtieth consecutive year will sponsor the program.

Due to start at 2:20 on Thursday, November 28, the game will be carried by radio stations WTAW, KPRC, Houston; WOAL, San Antonio; WFAA-WBAP, Dallas-Fort Worth; and KNOW, Austin.

In the broadcast booth above Kyle Field will be Kern Tips behind the microphone announcing the action between the two teams. With him will be Alec Chessler to bring the listening audience a commentary of the color highlights.

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Hoping to halt the impending aerial attack when the Texas University Longhorns invade Kyle Field Thursday afternoon, the Aggies have been winding up last-minute drills before meeting the Steers for the fifty-fourth time in that many years.

Texas University enters this contest as three touchdown favorites with their season record marred only by a one-point loss to the Southern Methodist Mustangs. Head Coach Homer Norton of A. & M. went on record as saying "we are not conceding this game until the final gun," and described his charges as being "in good shape."

Two hundred and eighteen-pound fullback George Kadera will be back in the running for the first time in more than three weeks but halfback Bobby Dew will be out because of an injury. Quarterback Jimmy Cashion who suffered a broken ankle in the tilt against LSU will not be able to play as was hoped earlier. Other than these two, A&M will be in good physical condition for the battle.

Seven, and possibly twelve Aggies will don the maroon and white for the last time Thursday. Departing will be fullback Ed Dusek, backs Jennings Anderson and Barney Welch, and linemen Norton Higgins, Joe Sacra, Bob Gary, and Bob Tulus. Those with eligibility left but possibly up for graduation are backs Jesse Burditt, James Hallmark, and John Ballentine, and linemen Cotton Howell and Charles (Red) Overly.

This tussle will also mark the last SWC game for All-American candidate Bobby Layne of the orange and white. Layne may get in another scramble with his teammates if the Steers get a bowl invitation and they probably will if they lick A&M.

In his four years at Texas, Layne has completed 219 of 402 passes for a total yardage of 3,249 yards. Layne's percentage of 54.2 compares to the 48.2 mark hung up by Sammy Baugh while at TCU. In four more games than Layne, Baugh tried 197 more passes, completed 55 more and gained 130 more yards than the Longhorn topper. Layne boasts an average of 15.3 yards per pass against a 12.7 average for Baugh.

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