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No Promises Made, No Promises Broken About Team This Year

By ANDY MATULA

No matter how you look at it, nobody has anything to complain about. It's the past football season we're talking about. Of course, no one likes to lose a game, the players least of all. But it's best to think of the past season as history, as Aggies have been doing for quite a time now.

If you'll recall last September, Barney Welch stood on the steps of Goodwin Hall at College Night and spoke for the entire Aggie team. He said then, "You may not see this team win every game this year but you will see a team that will play a hundred percent better ball this year." And that's exactly what they did, no definite promises made about anything . . . except better football.

And that's exactly what we've seen this year. The Aggie line play has been way above average. Winkler, Oerly, Stautzenberger, and Tulus with able linebacking by Gary became A&M's first line of defense. Many teams found this out the hard way, then were forced to go to the air, where they found an Aggie weakness. The A&M pass defense failed to function until the Texas game when Bobby Layne only managed to complete five of his 13 passes.

The Aggie secondary absorbed a beating this year, and held up remarkably well. Ralph Daniel was always ready to fill up a plug in the line. Bobby Dew became a specialized safetyman and Jesse Burditt had his share of downfield tackles and busted passes.

On the offense side, Barney Welch himself improved the Aggie attack a hundred percent. Barney was among the top pass receivers of the SWC and he really put his heart into the game with Texas. Ed Dusek followed in the

set tradition of fullbacks by plowing through the line to become another big ground gainer of the SWC. He was aptly backed by Ralph Daniel and George Kadera.

There are many that believe that the LSU game was the turning point of the Aggie gridiron career this season. The team was set for a win, but it lost. It also lost Jimmie Cashion, whose able quarterbacking was sorely missed in the remaining games. Stan Hollmig and Buryl Batey stepped into the QB slot and filled the air with footballs; their passing was faultless, their reception was mediocre. In the kicking department the Aggies shined. Hollmig's fourth down boots sewed up the Baylor game, put Arkansas in the hole, kept other opponents fearful of a high sailing quick-kick. John Ballantine's conversions could have been insured by Lloyd's of London, they failed so very few times.

So when you really think of it, you have nothing to complain about. Neither have we. The conference was tough, the material was short, the breaks were infrequent or hard, but the playing was solid, spirited, worthy of the finest traditions that ever issued from Kyle Field.

Other Coaches' Headaches

The Aggies haven't been the only ones on the short end of the stick this season. The situation has been normal for a good many top flight elevens across the nation.

Out on the west coast, the once mighty Stanford Indians have no scalps to display this year. They have some good press clippings though. They're scared hell out of Southern Cal and nearly kept "the Axe" away from California in a traditional battle as old as the TU-A&M series.

Aggies Defeated 32-13 By T.U. In Turkey Day Tilt

Winkler Only Aggie On AP All SWC Team

By HAROLD V. RATLIFF

Champion Southern Methodist and runner-up Texas, as should be, placed the most men on the All-Southwest Conference football team. Each landed three and four of those selections were unanimous.

Seven members of the team were selected easily. They just stood out enough that there was no question of their making the All-Star outfit. These players were:

Max Bumgarner, Texas, end; Dick Harris, Texas, tackle; J. W. McFee, Rice, Guard; Joe Watson, Rice, Center; and Bobby Layne, Texas; Doak Walker, Southern Methodist; and Scott, backs. Bumgarner, Harris, Layne, Walker and Scott were unanimous picks.

Sid Halliday, the blond pass-catching, fierce-tackling Southern Methodist star, edged big James Williams of Rice for the other end position. Jim Winkler, huge Texas Aggie tackle, came in just a little ahead of Weldon Edwards of Texas Christian, for the other forward job.

Earl Cooke of Southern Methodist barely beat out Theron Roberts of Arkansas and Charles (Chuck) Stone of Baylor for the other-guard position. Pete Stout, the line-running high-scoring fullback of Texas Christian, got the fourth backfield spot. Dick McRissack, brilliant Southern Methodist fullback, was very close.

Northwestern wasn't heard from until they pushed Notre Dame around a muddy field till the South Bend boys got their Irish up and finally won. The next week the Wildcats toppled Illinois. Like Rice, they were slow out of the gate.

The once terrible Pitt Panthers are back in the swing of big time football but you couldn't tell it from this season's record. Pitt won but one game, that from Ohio State, but they lost to Notre Dame, Illinois, Michigan, etc. What do you expect when you meet the butchers? However the Pitt team doesn't seem to mind. They figure on next year. Fordham has renounced high pressure gridiron play this year and finally managed to beat NYU in the last game of the season.

Another team with far fewer victories than defeats is Tennessee and for Bob Neyland, that sort of staff don't get two of Neyland's students John Barnhill and Bob Woodruff haven't been bringing home very good report cards this season either. Oklahoma A&M and Tulane have little to their credit this fall.

But the team farthest in the cellar and who is complaining the least is the Blue and Gold of Navy. The Midshipmen have tried some eleven times this year and have failed exactly the same number of times. The Annapolis boys have been playing for some pretty big marbles with California, Penn. Army, Notre Dame, and Georgia Tech. Their only concern is next year. With no reactionary ex-student association, the Navy has no coaching problem.

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Welch, Prokop Spark Aggie Offense As Aggies Lose Last Game of Year

By LARRY GOODMAN

A hard-fighting but erratic Aggie football team that enjoyed one hot Saturday and suffered through two other equally "cold" days, today had completed its 1947 gridiron campaign, finishing in a fifth-place tie with Arkansas in the final Southwest Conference standings.

As one of the most colorful and upset-ridden Southwest campaigns staggered to a close, the Aggies could look back over a season that saw them win three games easily, lose three more with equal ease, suffer heart-breaking losses to Oklahoma and Louisiana State, and battle Arkansas to a thrilling 21-21 tie.

Thursday's 32-13 loss to Texas, the eighth straight setback at the hands of their traditional foe, gave the Aggies a season's record of three wins, six losses and a tie. The defeat to Texas before the 41,000 fans who saw the 54th renewal of the ancient gridiron classic, was marked by long offensive thrusts by both teams and alert defensive play on the part of Texas at crucial spots.

The Aggies with Stan Hollmig in the starring role struck through the air for 228 yards but lost two scoring opportunities when the aerial attack, effective between the 20 yard lines, bogged down in sight on the Texas goal.

The Steers dominated play in the opening period, racking up six first downs to none for the Aggies but the Farmers came back in the second quarter to score six first downs while holding Texas to none. The difference lay in the fact that Texas took advantage of each chance to count while the Aggies ran out of gas in scoring territory.

The Longhorns cracked the Aggie defense for 16 first downs and 216 yards rushing. The big Orange line opened gushing holes through which poured a flotilla of speedy backs paced by Tom Landry, Billy Pyle, Byron Gillory and Bobby Layne.

Layne shed his usual role as primarily a passer and shouldered a big portion of the Texas ground game. Blind Bobby tossed 13 times hitting the mark only four occasions, but he found time in between his aerial efforts to carry the ball seven times for 33 yards and one touchdown. One of his passes—to End Dale Swartzkopf in the third period, was good for Texas' third touchdown.

The Aggies with Hollmig pitching in good form, were a constant threat all afternoon long but failed to dent pay-off territory until the final period. The Steers cruised 33 yards for the game's first touchdown the second time they got their hands on the ball. After a 15 yard penalty moved the ball to the Farmer 33, Texas scored in seven plays the Tom Landry negotiating the final six yards over tackle.

A&M failed to gain following the kickoff and the Steers were on their way again after receiving Hollmig's punt. Texas used 13 plays to march the 61 yards to the Farmer goal, Byron Gillory sweeping 10 yards for the six pointer.

In the second quarter, the Aggies drove three times into Texas territory, losing the ball once on a fumble, again on an intercepted pass and finally on downs after powering 53 yards to the Texas 13. Frank Guess of Texas failed to convert after both Longhorn scores and the Aggies trailed 12-0 at the half.

Pyle set up Texas' third score three minutes after the third period opened, hauling a punt back 46 yards to the A&M 22. At this point, Layne warmed up his throwing arm and after two passes fell incomplete over the goal, connected with Swartzkopf for the touchdown. Guess converted.

The Aggies stormed back midway through the period, and with

Position	Team	Rating
1	Michigan	98.7
2	Notre Dame	98.3
3	SMU	96.9
4	Texas	96.7
5	Alabama	96.0
6	Mississippi	95.2
7	North Carolina	95.0
8	Southern Cal	94.6
9	Penn	94.2
10	Penn State	93.9

The team that holds the most unexpected spot of any team at the

Burl Batey doing the tossing, moved via passes to the Texas 21. But, after Batey was dumped for a 13 yard loss, a desperate fourth down pass was intercepted by Dick Harris to break up the threat.

Harris returned to the Texas 33 and Texas promptly drove 67 yards for its fourth tally. Pyle banged across from the one after Landry had spearheaded most of the drive. Guess kicked the point, making the score read Texas 26, A&M 0.

Early in the fourth period, Ray Borneman fumbled on the Texas 10 and Max Greger recovered for the Aggies. In three plays the Aggies scored, Ed Dusek climbing over tackle for the final four yards. John Ballantine kicked the point, making it 26-7.

Later in the period, the Aggies drove to the Texas 37 before losing the ball on downs. Texas immediately lumbered 63 yards in eight plays for the Steer's final marker, Layne scoring from the one.

Rob Coode returned the ensuing kickoff to the 30 and A&M then drove 70 yards for their second touchdown. Two passes from Hollmig to Meryl Prokop covered 45 yards and on fourth down from the Texas 15, Batey came in to throw a bulls-eye to Goode in the End zone. Ballantine's kick was blocked.

A&M VS. TEXAS
(Statistics compiled by L. C. Goodwyn)

A&M	TEXAS
13	16
32	216
35	13
15	5
1	2
228	71
260	305
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41.8	38.5
2	1
3 for 35	4 for 30

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Maroon and White Quintet Defeats Team From Abilene Christian College in 1947 Opener

A flashy, if spotty, Aggie Basketball Team opened its season last night with a 63-54 win over the Abilene Christian College squad. In

the pre-varsity game the Aggie Basketball Team defeated the Christian Bess 48-42.

Center Bob Kamperman and forward Billy Turnbow gave the Aggies an early lead which was never overtaken by Abilene. But when the first string went out five minutes before the half, the boys from the west started cutting down the Farmer's lead to bring the score to a close 28-23 at the midway mark.

In the second half the Christians took the initiative and drew within two points of the Aggies. But forward Sam Jenkins started hitting the hoop to give the Aggies a not-too-comfortable lead of ten points which they held throughout the rest of the game.

In the closing few minutes of the game Abilene started rushing the game to try to catch up, and A&M tried equally hard to slow the play up. The Aggies started taking the ball out at midcourt instead of shooting foul shots, and once Bill Batey got excited and passed to Charlie Morris, an Abilene forward. Morris then turned around, took an easy crisp shot, missed, and the Aggies grabbed the ball again.

At first the Army boys were clicking on both the offense and defense, with Kamperman and Turnbow taking the rebounds off of the backboard and batting them in for scores. Bill Batey got off to a slow start and then started hitting the net to wind up high point man for the Aggies with 17 points.

Don Volding played one of the best defensive games for A&M, repeatedly getting the ball away from Abilene under the basket. The next Aggie basketball game will be played here December 5 and 6 against Southeastern, Oklahoma Teachers College.

Game Statistics

A&M	Fg	Pt	Pf	Tp
Moore, f*	1	1	4	3
Jenkins, f	3	1	1	7
Turnbow, f*	5	1	5	11
Hovel, f	0	0	0	0
Williamson, c	1	0	0	2
Kamperman, c*	3	6	4	12
Volding, c	3	1	0	7
Garcia, g	1	0	1	2
Schriekel, g	1	0	2	2
Batey, g*	8	1	2	17
Pettit	0	0	1	0
	25	11	20	63

Other Texas teams are included in the survey for the last week. North Texas State is sixtieth on the list while Texas Tech is sixty-fifth. Hardin Simmons, who lost the Sun Bowl bid to the Red Raiders, is seventy-fourth.

Williamson's Ratings

The end of the 1947 football season finds the Texas Aggies in fifth place on Paul Williamson's football rating table. SMU, in spite of its tie to TCU, still held on to third place with Texas right behind it.

Here's how the first ten teams stack up:

present time is Southern California. The Trojans meet the mighty Irish from Notre Dame in their annual classic this Saturday, then on New Year's Day, they take on Fritz Crisler's Wolverines in the Rose Bowl. The outcome of these two games will determine the nation's top team for the past year.

Other SWC teams on the list are Rice in the sixteenth position and TCU just three jumps behind it. After the Aggies trail Baylor and Arkansas in 53rd and 55th spots respectively.

In all the Thanksgiving Day games the system was correct in calling the winners. The Saturday games were a different story and the system only managed an 83 percent for the final week of scheduled football.

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Arkansas Engages William & Mary In New Dixie Bowl

FAYETTEVILLE, ARK., Dec. 2 (AP)—Coach John Barnhill announced this afternoon the University of Arkansas football squad had voted to accept an invitation to play in the Dixie Bowl game at Birmingham, Ala., on New Year's Day. Their opponent will be William and Mary.

Barnhill said the acceptance was contingent on approval by the Southwest Conference which already has authorized Texas and Texas Christian to perform in Bowl games.

Barnhill said the Razorbacks, who had completed their regular season last week, would resume practice Monday and that Aubrey Fowler, who previously had accepted a bid to play in the North South game at Montgomery, Ala., Dec. 20, probably would play with Arkansas in the Dixie Bowl, instead.

Arkansas played a scoreless tie with LSU in the Cotton Bowl at Dallas last New Year's Day.

Ex Named Baseball Manager for Bryan

Jess Landrum, A. & M. graduate and third baseman of the Longview team of the Lone Star League has been hired to play third base and manage the Bryan team in 1948, an Associated Press dispatch reported.

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