

# Cagers Seek Clean Sweep of Sam Houston Series Tonight

Last Game For Aggies Before Northern Tour; Large Crowd Expected To Attend

By ART HOWARD  
A full house is expected tonight when the Aggie Cagers take on the Sam Houston Bearkats at 8 p. m. in a return match of the game last Saturday night when the underdog Farmer five beat the Huntville team 65-55.

This 65 points set a new scoring record for the Aggie squad this season and was the best played game so far. It is expected that interest among the A&M student body will increase and bring out a large crowd. This will be the last home game for the Aggie team this year as they leave Wednesday morning on a road tour which will include Cleveland and Columbus, Ohio, and Orange, N. J.

## A Infantry Winner Of Flag Football Intramural Crown

A Infantry downed C Infantry 12-0 yesterday afternoon to take the intramural flag football crown. The first tally was made in the closing minutes of the first half after Quarterback Guin Ferguson had passed to enemy territory, and then, after trying two unsuccessful passes, attempted a third. Unable to find a receiver, Ferguson raced to the C Infantry one-yard strike.

Fullback Charles Mattel forged across from there. Ferguson try for the extra point was wide, leaving the score 6-0.

In the second stanza, C Infantry kicked to the A two and Ferguson returned to the ten. On the first play, a hide-out pass from Ferguson to Bell was good for a first down. Mattel carried around right end for 30 yards and a first. After a fake pass play failed, a 30-yard penalty set the A boys back and following, Right End Eivind Johansen of C captured a Ferguson to Jake Leisher pass on his own one-yard marker. Quarterback Jack Pibrell carried around right end for a first, but was hurt on the play.

A partially blocked kick plus an incomplete pass gave the pigskin to A Infantry again and Art Gorman on a hand-off from Ferguson, drove to the enemy one, from where Mattel went over on the next play. The try for extra point failed and A Infantry took a 12-0 lead.

Gerald Steart took the kick on the 10 and returned to the 20. Five yards picked up by Flood Groma plus a penalty gave C a first down but Pibrell lost yardage on two pass attempts. An aerial from Pibrell to Barbier carried up to the enemy 10 and another by the same combination carried to the two, where it was when the game ended.

Teams rated over A&M and the Aggie's margin of victory was not enough to make them feel outclassed.

For the past few games the gym has not been over half-full, and it is believed that the priority system set up by the Student Council has been partially responsible. An over-capacity crowd was expected to attend the games, and the priority system was set up to assure all students a seat at one game. School officials are now working on a plan to open the doors to everyone at 7:30 tonight, with only the A-G coupon book-holders getting in before that time.

## New Big City League Not Likely To Make Champs

By HAROLD V. RATLIFF  
DALLAS, Dec. 16.—Don't look now Fort Worth, Dallas, Houston and San Antonio but things are being said and are going to be said that will make you pretty sore.

Places like Amarillo, Odessa, Abilene, San Angelo, Greenville, Temple, Waco, Corpus Christi and Austin are already saying they formed this city conference in inter-scholastic league sports because you would like to win a championship once in a while. Trouble is, you can't refute the argument very much. You see, a city school hasn't won a state football championship since 1924.

We are not insinuating that this was the main reason for the change but with all this talk going around it certainly is a matter of public interest and worth discussing.

Frankly, chums, just what has this organization accomplished? Has it equalized athletics in the schools like the idea of a triple A conference that has been booting around for years? The real solution is formation of a conference taking in all schools with 750 enrollment up.

Under the present set-up the city conference will have a champion but it will be disputed lustily by the schools in class AA—the schools that are in the smaller cities. That is, it will be disputed if someone terms it a "state champion"—and they probably will.

There is no plan for playing off the championship between the city conference and the class AA division. The only way the city conference can escape from slurs that it was formed so the big boys might win sometimes is by the three divisions to play for the title when each champion has been determined.

## Intramural Tennis Crown Captured By A Infantry

A Infantry's Tennis team walked off with the intramural Tennis Championship for the second consecutive year.

The kings of intramural tennis went through a seven game schedule without a single defeat and ended on the top of the heap in a league composed of 23 teams, with 150 men competing in the sport.

The team is made up of John Walker of Oklahoma City, Sam Pace of Sweetwater, Wally Dixon of Galveston, John Dieb of Fort Worth, Art Gorman of El Paso, and Charlie Mattel of San Antonio.

## Lippman Misses Todd's Record by 21 Points

EL CAMPO, Tex., Dec. 16.—Knocked out the third time he carried the ball, Walt Lippmann of El Campo last night missed his chance to set a new state high school scoring record.

The El Campo backfield star was injured after gaining 21 yards against Lockhart, the longest gain of a scoreless game called at the end of the first half by agreement. Lippmann had scored 291 points prior to last night, 21 shy of the record set by Dick Todd of Crowley in 1934, former A&M star and halfback for the Washington Redskins.

## EXAMS ANNOUNCED WITH COMMISSION

Examinations for Registration Officers with the Veterans Administration in Texas, Louisiana, and Mississippi have been opened by the Civil Service Commission. Entrance salaries range from \$3397 to \$7102 per year.

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Pictured above is Bill Turnbow, crack Aggie forward who led Aggie scorers with 19 points in last Saturday's victory over Sam Houston State Teachers College.

## Williamson Puts Winkler on His All-America Team

Now that most of all All-American teams have been selected throughout the country and most of the protests over the selections have died down, the man who keeps the pulse of collegiate football, Paul Williamson, has announced his "balanced poll" All-American team.

Williamson in his selection received more than 1,000 nominations and among them was Big Jim Winkler, who was placed on the New Orleans dopestier's second team. The Aggies, along with V. M. I. and Nebraska were the only off-season teams to place gridmen on the three teams.

Of the 33 names on the selected teams, five players received outstanding votes from the nation as a whole, Johnny Lujack, Charlie Connerly, Doak Walker, Chalmers Elliott, and Barney Poole. After these had been nominated, regional favorites came in for their votes, Dick Harris of Texas made the starting lineup, Winkler and Marce of Rice took spots on the second team with Bobby Layne of Texas. Joe Watson of Rice made center slot of the third team. For obvious reasons, there were no honorable mentions.

That superb field general and quarterback, Lujack, of one of Notre Dame's greatest pigskin brigades, received the most votes. But the surprising Mr. Connerly of the Cinderellas of Ole Miss, was closely next. It is obvious what the Rebels would have done—or, rather would have not done—without their Charlie and Barney of 1947. Connerly and Poole broke more national grid records than you can

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## High School Sports

### Dallas vs Odessa, Eagles vs Longview In State Playoffs

Odessa plays Highland Park at Dallas and Longview battles Brackenridge at San Antonio Saturday in semi-finals of the Texas schoolboy football race as one of the most amazing comebacks in grid-iron history stirs football fans throughout the state.

Highland Park literally got up off the floor to fight its way into the next-to-last round. In the second half, the inspired Scots stormed to three touchdowns and won 18-14. Saturday Highland Park plays an Odessa team that beat Wichita Falls 27-0 Saturday to enter the state semi-finals the second season in a row.

Longview, the defensive wonder of the year and of any other year, won its game over Brackenridge in typical fashion. The Lobos need only one chance and they'll take it. They got a penetration and then withstood every wild Brackenridge surge to emerge from a scoreless tie still unbeaten for the season.

Brackenridge made two penetrations and Goose Creek one as the San Antonio eleven skidded into the semi-finals. Goose Creek finished the season without a defeat but counting the scoreless tie with Brackenridge had two draws on its record.

### Longhorns Prep For Alabama Clash

AUSTIN, TEX., Dec. 15.—In preparation for their Sugar Bowl game with Alabama, the University of Texas Longhorns buckled down to heavy physical work Monday.

The past week was spent in light conditioning. Cold weather cut short two of the workouts, with several of the players on the sidelines with colds.

The squad will be given Dec. 24 and 25 off for Christmas. Resuming practice the next day, they will continue to work until Dec. 30 when the entire group will entrain for New Orleans. Arrival there is scheduled on December 31.

### 369,000 Vets Change NSLI

About 369,000 veterans requested changes in their National Service Life Insurance contracts during the third quarter of 1947 ending September 30, the Veterans Administration reported this week.

Texas A&M was the first team to broadcast a game; in 1921, by dots and dashes.

shake a stick at: The Fighting Irish likely could have gotten along without Mr. Lujack—magnificent though he was.

Therefore, the Williamson system awarded its trophy for most valuable player of the year to Charles Connerly of the University of Mississippi—Ole Miss to you. One of 33 All-American certificates were awarded each of the players (including Connerly) making the 1947 "Big" All-American group of the current Williamson All-College poll.

### Football Due To Fill Air as TCU Meets Ole Miss

By ZERO HAMMOND

That cagey gentleman of Southwest football, Dutch Meyer of TCU is probably burning the midnight oil these nights figuring out new defense strategy, for when his Horned Frogs meet Ole Miss in the Delta Bowl New Year's Day they will encounter the nation's number one passing combination of Charlie Conerly and Barney Poole.

In Chickin' Charlie Conerly and Barney Poole the Rebels boast the best passer-receiver twosome to come out of the gridiron wars in recent years. Conerly holds the all-time collegiate passing completion record with 133 completions and Poole, the ex-Army star is the record holder in his department with 52 receptions. They set this record despite the fact that three of Ole Miss's games were played on wet fields.

However, as evidenced by their 19 to 19 tie with SMU, their tie with Orange Bowl bound Kansas, and their impressive victories over A&M and Baylor, the Frogs have the ability to raise to great heights on occasions, and Mississippi Coach Johnny Vaughn says that he isn't taking the Christians lightly despite their average season.

This game could easily develop into the top offensive battle of the year if weather conditions are right. Ole Miss has had a high scoring offense all year and the Frogs appear to have at last found themselves as shown by their 19 points against the powerful SMU Mustangs.

### Browns Repeat As New League Champs

NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—The infant All-America football conference is hailing its Cleveland Browns as champions for the second straight year. The Browns defeated the New York Yankees, 14 to 3, for the conference title, Sunday afternoon.

Meanwhile, the Chicago Cardinals gained their first western division crown by turning back the national league's defending champion Bears, 30-21, while the Philadelphia Eagles tied the Pittsburgh Steelers for the lead in the eastern half chase by clipping the Green Bay Packers 28-14.

### Cotton Bowl Scene Of Scottie-Odessa Clash

DALLAS, Dec. 16.—The semi-final interscholastic football game between Odessa and Highland Park will be held in the Cotton Bowl here next Saturday.

W. P. Herring, business manager for Highland Park, said it was decided to play the game in the big, 45,000 seat bowl to handle the anticipated capacity crowd. Odessa has ordered 10,000 tickets for its backers.

## ON KYLE FIELD

By PAUL MARTIN

### Southwest, Lone Star Conferences Keep Eye on Amateur Standings With New Rule

By PAUL MARTIN

We don't know exactly what promoted the various conferences in this region to become so bent on creating honest competition among member schools. Some 6 months ago, a furor was raised about proselytizing and too-liberal subsidization. Recently, however, the noise seems to have died down.



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retary James H. Stewart was appointed watchdog of outside and excess subsidization. A definite and determined limit was set and Stewart was authorized to enforce it.

Almost simultaneously, the Lone Star conference placed Trinity

University on probation for a somewhat dubious means of acquiring athletes. In so doing, the Lone Star also served notice, in so many words, that certain types of proselytizing are unhealthy for member schools.

In that Trinity failed to swamp opposing teams last grid season, the gripes were hardly audible. If Trinity had come out with a team that outclassed the other schools, the penalty might have been a bit more severe.

The Southwest Conference ruling, barring all outside subsidization of athletes and limiting school aid to board, room, tuition, and incidentals looks as if it may be enforced with authority singled under Stewart which means he won't have to wait until the board holds its meeting before taking action. This may put a crimp in the style of some schools more than others. Any way you take it, A&M shouldn't suffer nearly as much as others we could name.

### Tuesday's Clash Last Home Game in '47; Good Chance to Give Team Big Send-Off

The spirit shown by the Sam Houston State Teachers College student body when the Bearkats played A&M Saturday night was almost equal to that of the Aggies. The gym was packed, the band was present, and everybody was 100 percent behind the team.

The Aggies have shown that they are never lacking in spirit and win, lose, or draw, they are behind the team. Nevertheless, the gym has continued to be far from packed for any game thus far this season.

The reason for this is perhaps basketball isn't popular enough to rate a crowd. However, last season the stands were always filled to overflowing. Another thing, it may be that interest won't be aroused until conference play. The rule by which only one-third of the student body may attend each game may be responsible. True, all coupon book holders may get in provided the gym isn't full if they care to wait until 15 minutes before game time. Few, however, do this.

Whatever may be the reason, we'd like to see a packed house Tuesday night when the Sam Houston Bearkats come here for a return match. This would be a

great send-off for the team, which leaves on the eastern pilgrimage at 9:55 the following morning.

We'd also like to see the band there for this one game. It will be the last played here this year and it would be a fine gesture to see that the team gets full backing. We'd like to see the coupon priority rule dropped for once, temporarily at least, or maybe divided into two parts so the gym could be filled.

Later on, it may be necessary to have the coupon holders divided into three groups but to date there have been too many empty seats in the gym during the games.

Southern California has played in the Rose Bowl nine times, losing only in 1948 to Alabama, 34-14.

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