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Oklahoma A&M Picked to Upset TCU; Texas Aggies Favored to Whip Tech

By ART HOWARD
Once again we come to the familiar time of the year when sports editors all over the country are supposed to stick out their necks and pick (correctly) the winners of the football games.

It seems to me to be all risk, with no advantages. If an editor does pick all of the winners, the readers forget about it. But if he happens to call too many wrong ones, the fans gleefully descend on him with sarcastic letters containing many descriptive adjectives which infer that he should be carrying copy rather than writing it.



HOWARD and FRIEND

The Baylor Bears seem to be in the worst predicament of any S.W.C. team this week when they open against Tulsa. The Bears are supposed to have a "secret weapon," a left-handed passer, but they will probably need more than that.

Baylor has the home team advantage, but looks like a one-touchdown loser.

One notch on the totem pole is TCU. The Horned Frogs failed to show much fitness last week, and need all they've got to get by Oklahoma A&M. The Aggies have plenty of manpower left over from last year and are expected to challenge Tulsa for the Missouri Valley title. So, calling the upset of the week, Oklahoma over TCU by a slender margin.

There are two ways to figure the Texas-North Carolina game. Texas will have the disadvantage of playing away from home against an improved and vengeful Tar Heel team. But from the other side, the Longhorns have always been fast starters and have one game behind them already. They will meet a North Carolina squad which suffered several losses last year. From over the eight-ball, this writer would say that Texas will win by four touchdowns.

Contrary to many "experts," the majority of the ball sports staff does not believe the moanings and groanings put out by the SMU publicity department. No team with the Mustang's backfield can go far wrong. I will even dare the Life "Jinx" to

Todd Selected Player of Week

The Fort Worth Star Telegram has picked Rouse (Smoky) Todd of District 12-A Crowell High School as the player of the week according to an article in that paper.

Todd was picked because of his outstanding performance last week in helping his team defeat Paducah 21-18. He scored all three of his team's touchdowns and ran across two of his teams three extra points. Besides scoring 20 of his team's 21 points, Todd ran one kickoff back for sixty yards that proved to be the best run of the game.

Smoky is the brother of Dick Todd who ran wild at A&M approximately ten years ago and is now carrying the ball for the Washington Redskins of the National Professional League.



MABON LEE CASHION will lead the Consolidated Tigers against Tomball High School on Tiger Field here tonight. Cashion operates under the T, and his offensive tactics kept Madisonville off balance last week.

C. V. Athletic Officers To Meet Monday Night. Athletic officers from College View are scheduled to meet with Barney Welch Monday, September 27, at 5 p. m. in the Student Activities office.

Rows which have no athletic officers are urged to elect one before Monday so that each unit will have a representative. Welch will outline the intramural program for the fall semester and discuss scheduling of the games.

Yalg will play seven home games during the 1948 football season, traveling to two contests—Wisconsin and Harvard.



End ANDY HILLHOUSE played a good second-half game for A&M last week and may be on the starting lineup tomorrow. "Smiley" Hillhouse is good on both offense and defense, and has three years of eligibility remaining.

Tiger Game Prices Reduced for Aggies

Aggies will be admitted to all Consolidated H. S. home football games at a reduced price, according to Coach L. R. Richardson. Any Aggie can buy a high school

season ticket at \$1.25, subject to two conditions. Cadet uniforms must be worn and non-military or veterans must have their yellow fee slips.

Due to the unusually large crowd last week, two ticket gates will be open for Friday night's game with Tomball, Richardson said. Kick-off time is 8 o'clock.

No New Injuries Are Reported As Ags Prepare For Texas Tech

Consolidated Team Plays Tomball Here Tonight

Out to avenge a ranking 35-6 defeat last year, A&M Consolidated Tigers take on Tomball Friday night at Tiger field.

The Tigers will be outweighed an average of 25 pounds a man in the line, but the Tomball backfield weighs approximately 25 pounds less per man than the Tiger backs.

Although Tomball is the pre-game favorite by two to five touchdowns, it should be a close contest. The Tiger's real strength is not yet known, as Madisonville, which Consolidated whipped 26-0 last week, didn't provide enough competition to prove much.

Tomball has been undefeated in two contests this fall. They thrashed Dickson 27-0 and Cypress Falls 20-6. Leading the Tomball attack will be Millard Ford, Ford sparked the win over the Tigers last year, streaking for three scores.



Consolidated will rely on left end BILL BATES for some offensive playing this season. Bill is one of the best pass-catchers on the Tiger lineup.

Coach Harry Stiteler put the varsity through a workout under lights last night, preparing them for the game under spotlights tomorrow night in San Antonio. The players were lightly suited, and concentrated on ball handling and timing. A similar practice is expected to be held tonight, but spectators may be barred if Coach Stiteler has anything new in stock for the Raiders.

Freshman Coach Bones Irvin stated last night that Buryl Batty might be ready to play by tomorrow night, but that no decision will be made until Trainer Blaine Rideout checks his ankle again today.

The team will not leave for San Antonio until tomorrow morning. A chartered bus is expected to pull away from Hart Hall about 10 a. m. and to arrive at Plaza Hotel four hours later.

No new injuries have been reported by Rideout. Jimmy Flowers is still handicapped by two sore ankles and a sprained knee. Ralph Daniels is not expected to see action at all.

Blanton "Hondo" Taylor saw his second day of practice yesterday after laying off because of a head injury. Bobby Dew's sprained knee has improved, but it is doubtful if he will be in shape to handle the kicking chores for the Aggies.

Bob Goode kicked for A&M last Saturday and is expected to do a repeat performance this time.

Coach Dell Morgan has been working his charges through a heavy week of practice in hopes of another upset over the Aggies. Tech is admittedly knocking on the door of the S.W.C. and a win over A&M would help establish their claim.

Word comes from Lubbock that the Raiders have concentrated on their line after the Farmers showed their power on the ground against Villanova.

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