

Rice, Mustangs and TU Rated Favorites

By HAROLD V. RATLIFF

If comparative scores mean anything, Southern Methodist, Rice and Texas should win the Southwest Conference football games of the week. That is, if you don't look too far among the comparative scores.

Here are the games: Southern Methodist vs Arkansas at Fayetteville, Southern Methodist vs Texas at College Station, Texas vs A&M and Rice vs Arkansas at Dallas. Rice and Texas beat A&M, and beat A&M. Of course, Southern Methodist almost lost to A&M while Arkansas beat the Aggies 28-6.

Texas vs Texas Christian at Fort Worth, Texas beat Baylor and Arkansas. Texas Christian lost to Baylor and Arkansas.

Rice vs Texas A&M at College Station. Rice beat Arkansas and lost to Texas and Southern Methodist. A&M lost to Arkansas and Southern Methodist. A&M almost beat Southern Methodist, however, while Rice lost to SMU 33-7.

The only clear claim to favoritism goes to Texas over Texas Christian. In the cases of SMU, Arkansas and Rice-A&M, the issues are somewhat clouded.

And after all this is digested, the reader should just throw it out the window. At this stage of the Southwest Conference race, there is no way to gauge the relative strength of the teams. The main reason is that the boys are through playing for fun. It's serious business now. Each team has another one it wants to beat most. The team gets "up" for that game but is "down" the next week.

The most puzzling feature of the campaign is this situation—and it doesn't concern conference play: Santa Clara beat Oklahoma 29-17, Oklahoma beat Missouri 41-7, Missouri beat Southern Methodist 20-14, and Southern Methodist trampled Santa Clara 33-0.

Which brings up next Saturday's game between Baylor and Tulane at New Orleans—not that it is related to any of the foregoing but because if it follows the "form" of most of the games this season will result in a big victory for Baylor. You see, Baylor was tied 7-7 by Mississippi State and Tulane beat Mississippi State 9-0. That should qualify Baylor as the favorite.

Tickets for the football game with the University of Texas Longhorns on Thanksgiving are now on sale at the YMCA. Both date and student tickets are being sold. Date tickets are \$3.50 and student tickets are \$1.20.

A QMC Has Yet To Be Defeated In Intramurals

Speaking of top intramural records, "A" Quartermaster boasts of a perfect record in all sports this semester.

"A" Company has not met a defeat in either Tennis, Volleyball, Basketball, or Flag Football to date.

Only a few games were played Monday afternoon due to the colder weather. Law Hall failed to score against Dorm 14 in Flag Football but won on penetration. Pat Depamles sparked Law until he left the game with an injured knee.

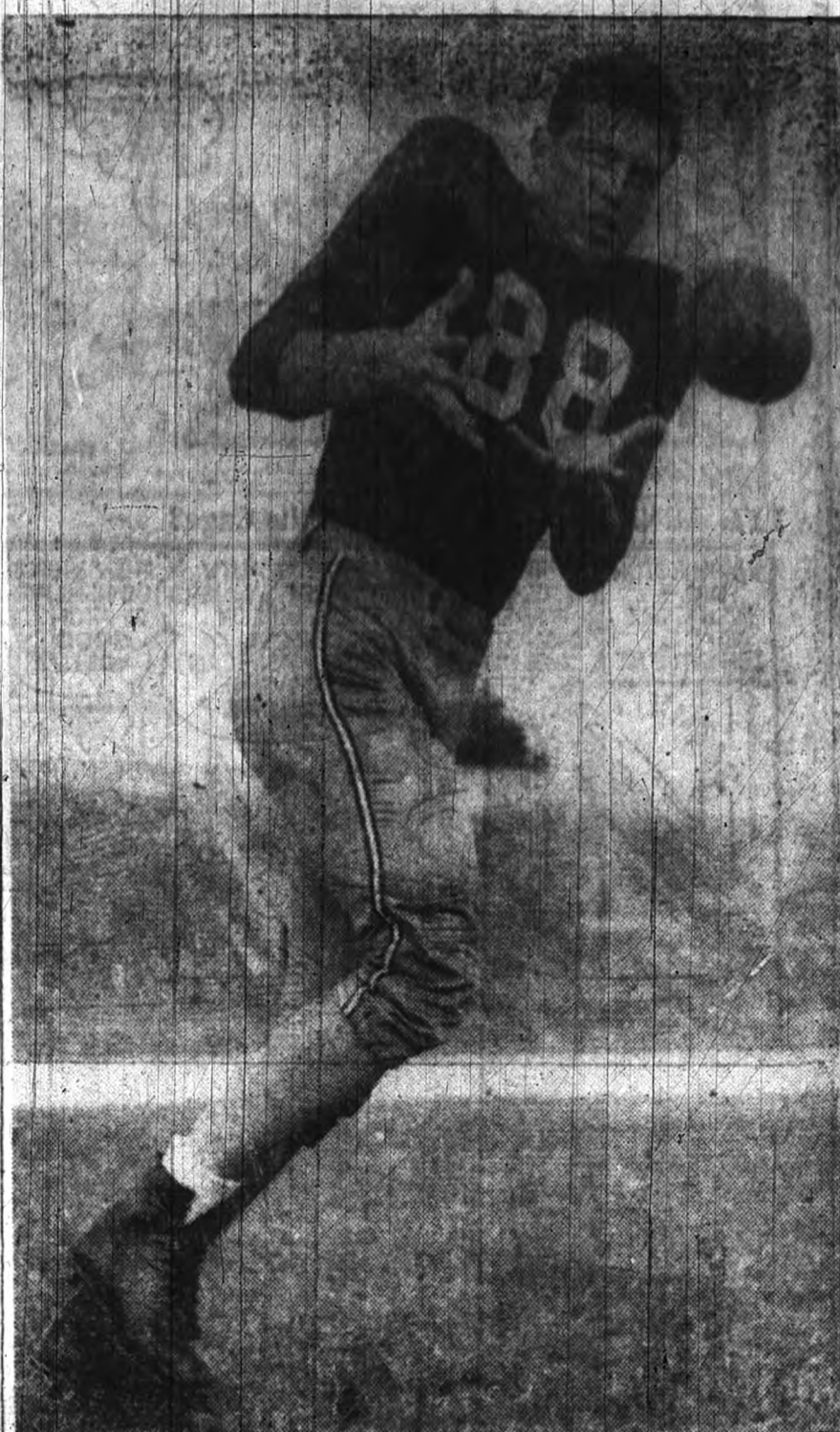
Phil Russell of Dorm 16 single-handedly won the game with Mainer on a 50 yard punt return. Dorm 16 failed to convert and the final score was 6 to 0. Leggett and Mitchell put up their usual good scrap as the game ended in a scoreless tie but Mitchell won on penetrations.

Puryear romped over Dorm 1, 26 to 6. Dave Thomas carried the load for the victors, throwing two TD passes and scoring six points himself. Bill McMahon of Dorm 1 ran 30 yards for their only score.

In spite of the cold weather, Traylor Camp and Walton met in Volleyball. Traylor Camp were the victors, two straight games. Biology and ALE were involved in a double forfeit. Dorm 15 failed to show for their game with Dorm 17. El Campo won over FFA on forfeit. ASCE and Agronomy Society were winners by default as Agony Club and LSA stayed away.

In the intramurals Handball tournament, Tommy Splitzger won over Epps and McDowell defeated Burr Layne to reach the semifinals. Layne and McDowell as partners set down Splitzger and Simpson to reach the finals.

Bill Klein, umpire-in-chief of the National League, worked in more World Series than any other official. Klein umpired in 18 series between 1908 and 1940.



ANDY HILLHOUSE, 230-pound end from Alvin, played a terrific game against the SMU Mustangs in the Cotton Bowl last Saturday. Hillhouse is a sophomore with two years of eligibility remaining at A&M. He played one year at Lamar Junior College in Beaumont.

Williamson Rates Wolverines Nation's Outstanding Eleven

Michigan University still holds down the number one spot in the football rating system of football expert Paul B. Williamson of 5201 Dannel St., New Orleans 15, La. Mr. Williamson rates the first ten teams in this order:

1. Michigan 98.4
2. Notre Dame 98.1
3. Army 97.8
4. N. Car. U. 96.3
5. California 95.9
6. Georgia Tech 95.7
7. Mich. State 95.5
8. Penn. State 95.5
9. Northwestern 95.3

The second ten teams are rated in this order: 11. Oklahoma 92. Georgia, 13. Ohio State, 14. Ole Miss, 15. Missouri U., 16. Clemson, 17. SMU, 18. Vanderbilt, 19. Minnesota 20. Texas.

The SMU team slipped three places over the weekend due to the fight that the Aggie squad put up before finally going down before Dock Walker and Company.

In the Southwest games, Williamson's system rates Tulane over Baylor, SMU over Arkansas, Texas over TCU, and the Rice Owls over the Aggies.

The five major remaining undefeated, untied teams in the nation are Michigan, Notre Dame, Army, Clemson, and California. All five teams are picked by the New Orleans seer to keep their records unscathed.

Last week the system picked 84.2% of the games correctly for the best average since the initial week of the season. Major upsets were Tennessee's 13-6 victory over Georgia Tech, and William and Mary's 7-7 tie of the Justice led

Aggies Hold Edge In Owl Games

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Films of SMU Game Show That Officials Missed Setback Play

H. F. Miller was the lucky winner of the Quarterback Club contest last week. No entry picked all of the correct winners, and Miller's entry was chosen out of the 13 guesses which hit all but one right.

Aggie Harriers Prime for Meet Next Week

A&M's chances for a conference championship in Cross Country seem better than ever this year. It has been a long time since the Aggies have had a conference winner in this event as Texas University has dominated Cross Country running for the past 17 years.

This year A&M has most of last season's winners back and are favored to win the conference meet which will be held at College Station on Nov. 13.

Coen Anderson's track stars have won several great races while losing only one. The team lost their first start against the University of Oklahoma in a close finish and then won their next meets against North Texas State, Oklahoma State, and Texas University.

This season the Aggies are led by J. D. Hampton and Julian Herffing. These two runners finished one-two in a dual meet with Texas University at Austin on December 29 when A&M won 24-1. Amongst out the Aggie team are Larry Hahn, Jerry Doolen, Webster Stone, and Ray Tompkins.

This year Texas will not have Jerry Tompkins who has been the Longhorns' number one runner for the past three years.

Last year Tompkins finished first in the conference meet when he carried the Texas team to defeat the Aggies for the conference championship.

Leading the Longhorns in this year's meet will be Dickie Brooks, Wayne Hanson, and Bobby Whisenant. Brooks, the top Texas runner this season, finished third in the recent dual meet with the Aggies.

North Carolina University Tarheels.

The system prefers Michigan over the Irish of Notre Dame on comparative scores against Navy and Purdue teams. The Irish allowed the Midshipmen to score and barely edged the Boilermakers by a single point, while the Wolverines blanked the Navy team and beat Purdue by forty points.

In the Junior College rating the Kilgore Junior College team is rated fourth best in the nation.

Rice Gunning for Fourth Triumph Of Season; Cadets in Good Shape

By SACK FROEDE

When the Aggies go on to Kyle Field Saturday afternoon they will meet the Rice Owls for the thirty-third time. The Farmers have taken twenty of the preceding thirty-two games, the Owls winning nine and three ending with an even score.

The Aggies hold a scoring edge of 414 points to 208 for the feathered flock from Houston. From the years 1936 to 1944 inclusive the Aggies did not lose a game to Rice although the Owls did manage to

beat a tie in '37 and '42. From 1945 up until the present year the Owls have won all the games. In 1948 they defeated the Aggies 6-0, increasing the score to 27-10 in 1946, and running wild in the first half of last year's game to come out on top 41-7.

The Owls probably played their best game of the season when they met the Cadet team in Houston last fall. The star of the day was Owl sophomore quarterback Tobin Rote who is back again this year to deal the Farmer secondary misery with his passing attack.

Combined with the passing of Rote was the running of John Kelly, Huey Keeney, and Bobby Lantrip. All of these performers are again on the Rice roster.

The Owls held a 34-0 lead at the end of the first half and did their best to increase the score in the second half but both teams scored seven points.

Outstanding linemen for the Owls are guard Joe Watson, 230-pound center from Temple; tackle Ralph Murphy; and end Froggy Williams.

Sophomore back Vernon Glass can be expected to deal out a lot of trouble to the Aggie squad both with passing and running. The Corpus Christi youth was terrific in the Aggie-Baylor game with the Rice freshmen last fall.

The A&M team is in good condition with the exception of starting end Wray Whittaker, out for the remainder of the season with a broken jaw. Either Cedric Copeland or Andy Hillhouse can be expected to start in place of Whittaker at the end post.

Generally picked to end the season among the top three teams in the conference the Owls have had a disappointing season up until last week when they ran wild over the Arkansas Razorbacks, 25-6. The Owls also defeated the Sam Houston Bearcats and Texas Tech Raiders, 15-5, USC, SMU, and Texas have defeated the Houston team this season.



VERNON GLASS is one of the chief threats of the strong Rice team that will play the Aggies on Kyle Field Saturday. Glass, All star at Corpus Christi High, is a sophomore with two years of eligibility after this year.

Petrovich Named Lineman-of-Week

AUSTIN, Texas, Nov. 10 (AP)—George Petrovich, big hard-charging University of Texas tackle, received top Southwest Conference lineman-of-the-week honors in the Austin American-Statesman's weekly poll.

Petrovich rose to great defensive heights against the Baylor Bears last Saturday, playing a key role in stopping two Baylor drives inside the Longhorn 10-yard line. He turned in an unusually steady performance in offense.

Close behind the Texas lineman in the scrap for recognition from the sports publicity directors of the seven conference schools, whose ballots determine the weekly contest, were Andy Hillhouse, Texas A&M end, and Bill Stancil, Arkansas tackle.

Hillhouse caught a touchdown pass, totaled 50 yards on a series, and was a rock on defense against Southern Methodist.

Stancil made tackle after tackle for the Hogs, and was brilliant despite the fact he was on the losing side against Rice.

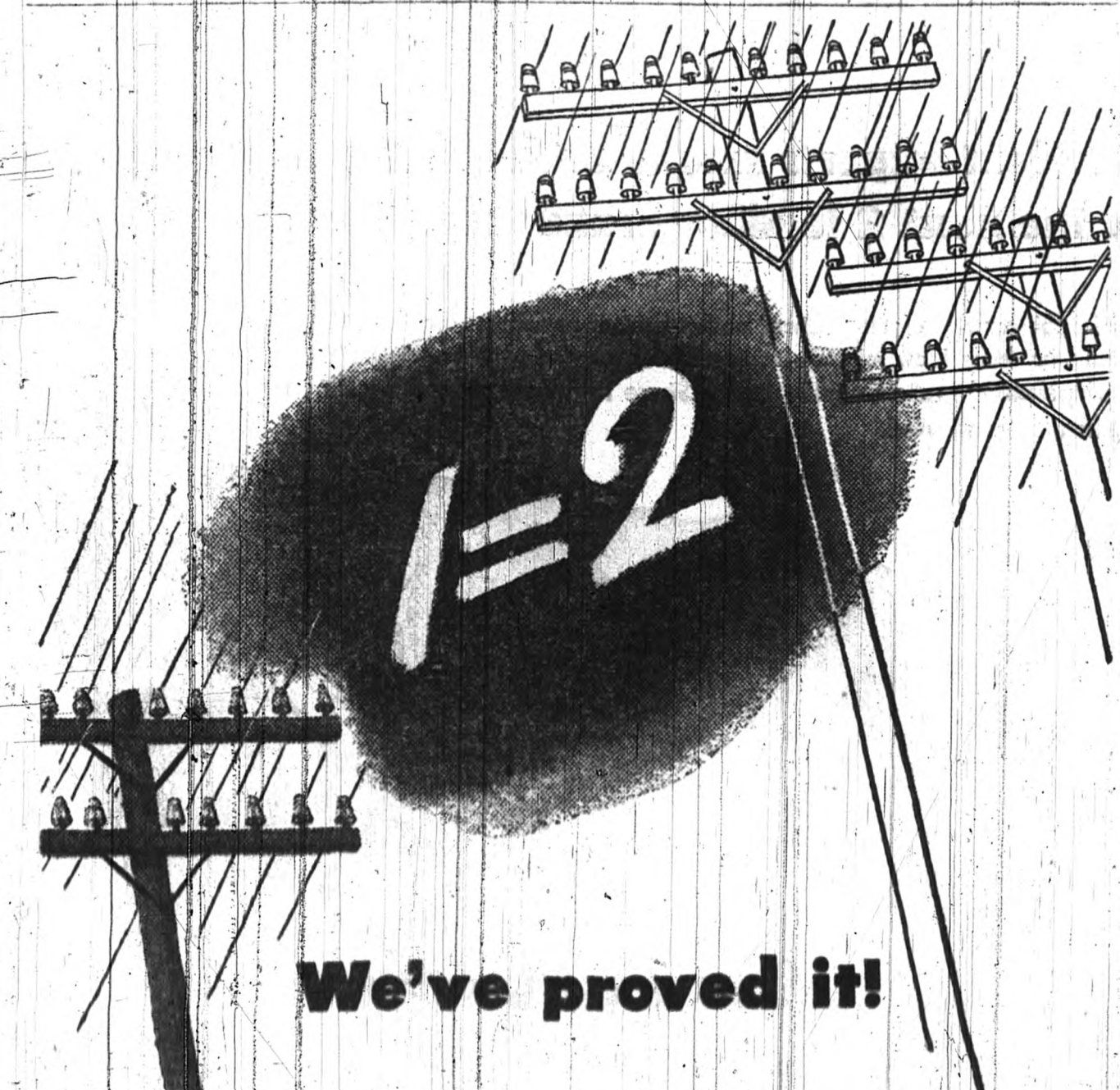
Short Course For Policemen Slated

A short course in accident prevention will be offered to supervisory officers of the Dallas Police Department during the week of January 10 and 31. E. L. Williams, director of the Industrial Extension Service, said today.

The course will be designed to teach police officers how to conduct traffic during any kind of accident.

In addition the course will have firearm safety practices and vehicle operation. Emphasis will be upon driving under emergency conditions and pursuit tactics, Williams stated.

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Baylor	_____	Tulane	_____
Northwestern	_____	Notre Dame	_____
LSU	_____	Mississippi State	_____

All entries must be turned into the Batt sports desk by 5 p. m. Friday. Winners will receive two tickets to the Texas game. Only one entry is allowed per person. Aggie-SMU game to be shown Thursday night at 7:30 in Assembly Hall.

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