

A&M Plays Host To Rice Tomorrow

KICKING IT AROUND

BY ART HOWARD

Aggies Picked to Down Owls, Hogs To Upset Mustangs in Close Game

Nearly everyone on the campus is wondering how A&M will perform against the Rice Owls. Several other games have been within our grasp, but we are still winless this season. The majority of the sports-writers seem to think that Rice will win tomorrow because we "snot the winks" against SMU last week.

But Rice, too, must have been all pepped up to mangle the rough Arkansas crew the way they did. But we had rather have the scribes picking us to lose rather than to win.

Coach Stiteler has been prepping carefully for this game and I will go out on a limb to say that we will beat Rice tomorrow. We may even beat them by two touchdowns.

Last week the feathered flock handed Arkansas a rude setback but they probably have not been prepping for this game, figuring it to be an easy mark. I am counting on Rice continuing its fumbling ways tomorrow to help us beat them.

Jess Neely may have been missing out by not using Vernon Glass very much this season. Last year Glass beat our fish team with his precision passing, and I hope he sits this one out.

A&M's line will be one of the big question marks in the game, and if they hold like they did last week we will win. Every player on the forward line played a fine game, and Jim Flowers really smeared the Mustangs from his linebacker position. Coach Stiteler first used Flowers as a linebacker in the Arkansas game, and said later that he wished that he had thought of him sooner.

For the record, call it 13-7 for A&M.

Several upsets are likely to mar Sunday's papers. Working on a hunch, I will get behind the eight ball to say that Arkansas will surprise SMU in Fayetteville.

Two weeks ago the Razorbacks showed enough power and good line play to stop Walker and Co. Ark-

Both Teams Expected to Be in Good Shape For Game; A&M Out to Avenge 1947 Defeat

By LEON SOMER

Tomorrow afternoon the Texas Aggies play hosts to the Owls of Rice Institute on Kyle Field. This game will mark the last home appearance of Coach Harry Stiteler's maroon and white gridgers.

Despite eight straight setbacks the Aggies are rated as only six point underdogs by most sports writers. To many observers, eight consecutive defeats would overshadow most any coach or team, but Coach Stiteler's squad has been fighting hard in every game and no let-up is seen for tomorrow's contest with the Owls.

A&M and Rice will be meeting for the thirty-third time tomorrow afternoon. Of the 32 games played so far, the Farmers have won 24, Rice 9, and 3 games have ended in a tie. The Aggies had their longest string of victories from the years 1934 to 1944, winning seven games with no games in 1937 and 1942 ending in a tie.

The Owls have won the last three games. Last year the Rice team overcame the Aggies 41-7 and tomorrow the Farmers will be out to avenge that defeat.

The Rice squad is expected to arrive in College Station tomorrow morning and probably will go through a light work-out before noon. Coach Jess Neely's tenured tie is expected to be in fine shape with both back Huey Keene and center Joe Watson expected to start.

The Aggies, too, should be in good condition for their meeting with the Owls. The only members of the team who definitely will not see service are John Christensen and Wray Wintzaker. Both players are out for the rest of the season with injuries.

The Aggies worked-out yesterday on their regular practice field while Kyle Field was being watered in preparation for tomorrow's game. Passing and kicking was stressed in practice and the team also worked on Rice plays, hoping to stop the Owl ground attack tomorrow afternoon.

Probable Starting Line-ups
Hillhouse LL Williams
winkler LF Wyman
Gremer LG Parsons
Ellis C Watson
-stautzenberger RG Schwartz
Settegast RT Murphy
Wright RE Taylor
Baty QJ Rote
Royalty HJ Keene
Goof HB Kelley
Goode FB Lantrip

Coach Harry Stiteler will be interviewed by Paul Berry tomorrow morning in a pre-game broadcast over Station WFAW at 7:30.

College Football Gone Professional Says Furman Head

ATLANTA, Nov. 12 (AP)—College football has gone professional to the point that when "some of the big stars turn to professional football they have to take a cut in salary."

That's the opinion of Dr. John L. Plyler, president of Furman University at Greenville, S. C. And the little colleges with limited athletic funds can't hope to keep pace with the big schools who have ways and means of attracting top grid talent, the educator said at an alumni meeting here last night.

"The day when you could get a good football player for his tuition and college expenses is long gone," Dr. Plyler continued.

He estimated the cost of an "average, good" football team these days at \$100,000 a year. "Big time" teams run from \$250,000 to \$600,000 annually, he said.

"We just don't have that kind of money to throw around at Furman," he added.

"At least if I have I can't find it—and I've been looking.

"Don't think these swivel-hipped, tip-toeing quarterbacks don't cost money. The situation in 'amateur' college football is such that when some of the big stars turn to professional football they have to take a cut in salary."

Cowboys Trounce West Texas, 28-6

ABILENE, Tex., Nov. 12 (AP)—Hardin-Simmons University came from behind to hand West Texas State a 28-6 licking in an Armistice Day Border Conference tilt.

West Texas-State moved 66 yards for a touchdown at the game's outset. Lloyd Johnson plunging over the goal line to climax the drive.

Wilton Davis raced 36 yards for the Cowboy's first touchdown in the second quarter and Paul Bailey kicked the first of four extra points.

Davis accounted for another Hardin-Simmons tally on an eighty-yard run and Bailey scored one on a 22-yard jaunt. Nolan Harkey chalked up the final Cowboy tally with a 19-yard return of an intercepted pass in the fourth quarter.

Consequently, at the season's end, the Aggies were the foulest team in the conference. Times have changed, though, and Coach Karow continually reminds his charges that fouling is a costly practice. This, plus the fact that few shots are being christened to the utmost, should result in victories where before the Aggies lost the great majority of the close ones.

Aggie-Owl Fencers Meet Here Tonight

The A&M Fencing team will cross blades with the owl men of Rice tonight at 7:30 p. m. in the gym.

There will be team matches in Foil, Epee, and Sabre; Prep foil bouts will also be staged.

This will be the second fencing meet of the season for the Aggies. The first meet which was with John Tarleton ended in a tie.

Sid Luckman, who joined the Chicago Bears of the National Football League in 1939, had tossed 124 touchdown passes before this season opened.



Owl halfback VAN BALLARD is certain to cause the Aggie football squad some trouble on Kyle Field in the game to be played between Rice and A&M.

Varsity Hoop Team Outscored by Bees

Almost two weeks have elapsed since basketball has begun, and although, two scrimmages have been held, the first string has yet to register a victory. Wednesday night the first team was thrashed by an aggregation paced by 6 ft. 6 in. Ken Sutton and his roommate, Wallace Moon. Thursday night the first stringers were seemingly inept at doing anything right, even though Bill Turnbull occasionally flashed some of his customary brilliance.

The Cadet varsity has been working out from 7:40 until 9:40 at night, while the Freshman have been occupying the boards from 4:30 until 6:45 in the evening. Fundamentals have been stressed so far, but they are expected to scrimmage more and more as the season wears on.

This year's scrimmage sessions are a great contrast to those of last year. Last year the team fouled a great deal in practice.

Rote and Copeland Among Soph Stars

Chuck Ortman of Michigan, Gil Stephenson of Army and Kyle Rote of SMU are the three brightest stars in the star-studded heavens of football as "sophomores" of the year," according to an Associated Press survey.

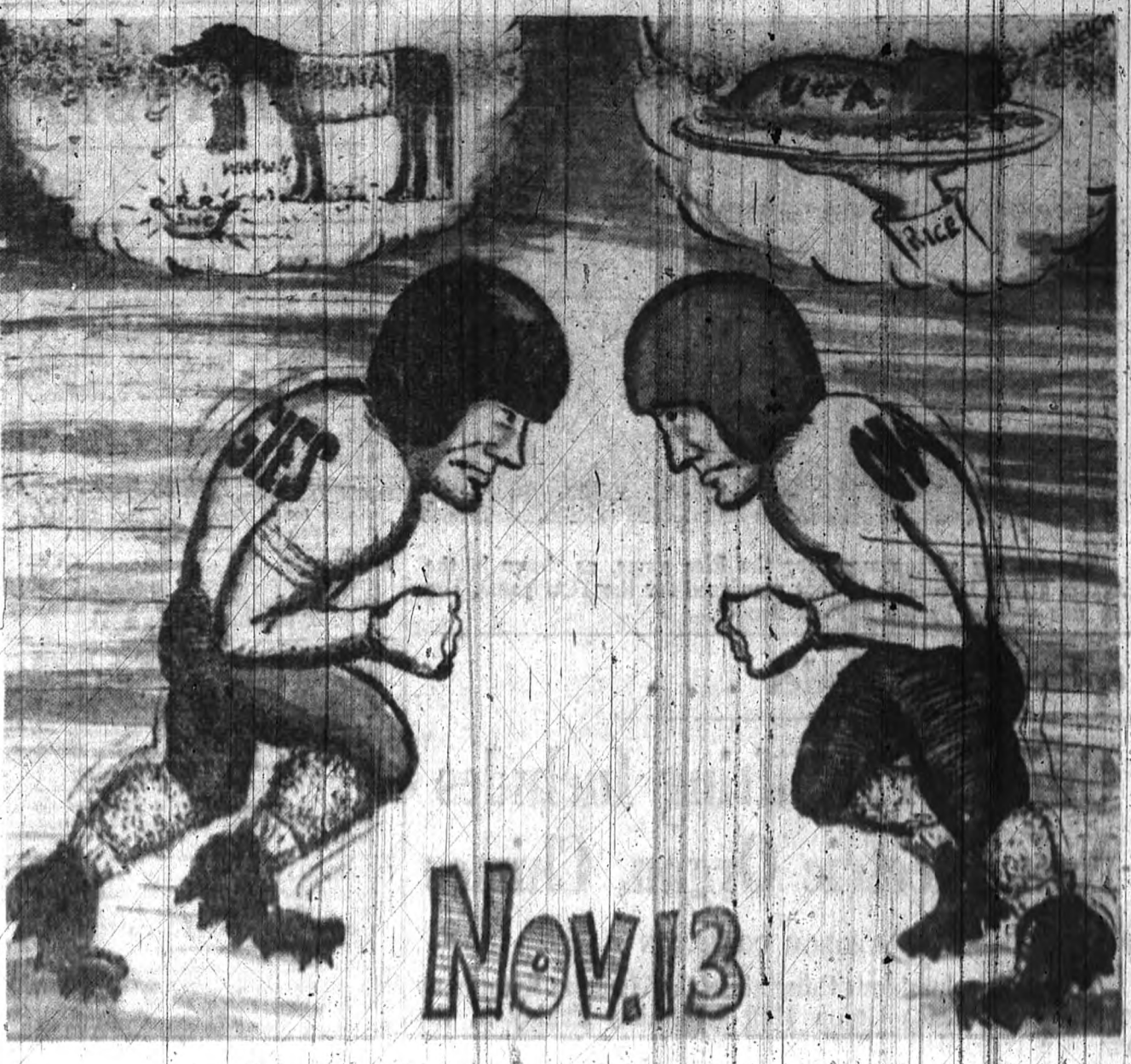
Rote is the only sophomore member of a SMU backfield containing such players as Donk Walker and Gil Johnson.

In any other backfield except SMU's—which Walker, the No. 1 sophomore of 1947, naturally dominates—Rote might stand alone as the season's outstanding varsity fledgling. He has carried the ball 67 times for 247 yards, and caught 12 passes for 189 yards and three touchdowns.

Among sophomore standouts in the Southwest is Cedric Copeland, Aggie end from Waco.

Spartan Extremists

EAST LANSING, Mich. (AP)—Biggest man on Michigan State College's 1948 football team is sophomore tackle William Miron from Escanaba. He packs 285 pounds on a six foot, three inch frame. The midget is George (Little dynamite) Guerre, senior tailback star from Flint, who stands only five feet, five and weighs 167.



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Hillhouse Praised By AP Writers For Play Against SMU

Andy Hillhouse, stellar Aggie end, received a lot of praise in the Associated Press poll for the national lineman of the week for his performance against the Mustangs in Dallas last week.

Hillhouse, a junior college transfer playing his first season for A&M, was credited with more than fifteen tackles against the Mustangs in what is regarded as the greatest game of his career. Seldom was the 6'3", 230-pound end blocked out of a play and several times he broke through the SMU defense behind the line of scrimmage.

Honoring ends for their performance last Saturday was much the role as Lou Hoitsma, William and Mary flankman, was selected as lineman of the week in the Associated Press poll. Hoitsma was cited for his brilliant circus catch of touchdown pass against North Carolina last week that helped William and Mary gain a 7-7 tie with the powerful Tar Heels.

Also gaining mention for his performance last Saturday was Odell Stautzenberger. The Aggie guard along with tackle Jim Winkler played the full 60 minutes against SMU.

Coach Johnnie Frankie Having Good Season at Wharton JC

Johnnie Frankie, former assistant football coach at A&M, is having a fine season at Wharton County Junior College this year. The Pioneers have won six games and are undefeated in the Texas Junior College Conference. The only loss suffered by Coach Frankie's team was to McNeess Junior College of Louisiana in the opening game of the season.

The Pioneers have scored at least 27 points in every game except the one with McNeess. Their best night was against Allen Academy of Bryan when they scored 61 points. The team has a total of

232 points against 67 for its opponents.

Leading Wharton in scoring are W. B. Morrow of Bay City with 90 points and Eugene Greene performed at halfback both players were seasoned performers when they entered Wharton Junior College. Last year Morrow played with the University of Houston while Greene performed at halfback for the Aggies.

The Pioneers have combined passing and hard running to run up a net gain of 2,828 yards from scrimmage. Green and Morrow have been doing a majority of the running while the passing game has been paced by Leehier. The team has completed 45 out of 83 attempted passes.

Saturday night Wharton will be seeking their seventh straight win when they travel to Edinburg, to meet Edinburg Junior College.

Placement Race

UNIVERSITY, Miss. (AP)—Bobby Oswald of Columbia, Miss., quarterback on the University of Mississippi football squad, last season topped the Southeastern Conference's placement kickers with 26 points on 38 trials through the regular campaign. He added one for one in the Delta Bowl win scored by Old Miss. Oswald also scored a touchdown for six more points during the season.

Outsiders Gain Starting Posts

COLUMBIA, S. C. (AP)—Three Georgians are in the starting line up of the University of South Carolina football team and two others are pushing first string men for berths. Quarterback Bo Hagson of Savannah, End Roger Wilson of Macon and Tackle Phil Alexander of Atlanta are the starters. Phil's brother, Kale, and Eric Lavhorn of Macon, guard and halfback respectively, are the other two.

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Townsend Shines In Yearling Win

PORT WORTH, Tex., Nov. 12 (AP)—Ottessa's Byron Townsend led the University of Texas freshmen to a one-sided, 33-0, victory over the Texas Christian University boys here yesterday.

Townsend gained 159 yards on 19 carries and scored once.

Carl Mayes of Tampa plunged four yards for Texas' first tally, climaxing a 74-yard drive in five plays.

A touchdown by Jack Ray and a safety was all the Wogs could muster.

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