

# SWC Attendance Slated to Top Million This Season

DALLAS, Nov. 16 (AP)—Unless some of the worst weather in history sets in, the Southwest Conference should go over the million mark in football attendance for the first time.

To date 28 home games have drawn better than 800,000 spectators. There are seven games to go. By maintaining the average of 29,000 per game, these seven would push the total close to 1,950,000. But three of the contests coming up will do better than the average.

Southern Methodist plays Baylor at Dallas next Saturday. Already 43,000 tickets have been sold and there are better than 20,000 more available. Probably 55,000 will be in the Cotton Bowl for this game. Nov. 25 Texas and Texas A&M meet at Austin. This game already is a sell-out of 68,000. Nov. 27 Southern Methodist will play Texas Christian at Dallas. This should attract 60,000 or more.

When all returns are in prospects are that the conference will have drawn better than 1,180,000. Now the point is this: If seven schools draw that many paid admissions at more than \$3.00 per head, what's the use of having night football? Obviously so many night games were scheduled the past season in order to get more fans out. The folks don't like to see games in the September day heat.

The schools that had the night games drew few more fans as a result. In fact, Texas Christian, which had three night games, had a smaller average than in 1947 when the games were played in the daytime. Baylor was up some but not much and would have been anyway since the team remained undefeated so long.

A card signed "an Aggie ex" comes from San Antonio asking about Blanton Taylor, the Hondo boy who was scheduled to be a big gun in the Texas A&M football team this season. Taylor received a head injury and hasn't been playing.

In fact, Taylor isn't even out for football now. He has given it up for 1948 and probably for good. He will play baseball however. (Eds. Note)—Taylor was ordered by the team doctor not to play again this season, but will probably be back next season.

Attacks on football officials are scarce this year. The situation is vastly improved over last season. There still is, however, plenty of hoing and up at Fayetteville Saturday there were signs of trouble.

The Aggie Mask and Foiler team defeated the Rice team 21-6 in De Ware Field House Friday night. Co-captains L. J. Barries and C. F. Zola sparked the Aggie attack with a perfect score of six points won and none lost for each. Gustave Mistrout won five and lost one, while Mort Sullivan and Gerald Menks both won two and lost one. Robert Dillon was the fifth member of the Farmer team.

The Rice team made a strong showing in Epee (Dueling Sword) only. They lost all the foil bouts and all but one sabre match.

The Rice varsity squad was made up of Jeff Campbell (capt.), Frank Leaver (Co-capt.), Howard Platt and Leopold French.

The prep teams of both squads had foil bouts in round robin style but the final outcome has not been decided yet.

Members of the A&M foil prep team are Alvin Howe, Curtis Wilson, Bert Aver, Fito Cantu, and Carroll Bell.

Members of the Rice junior squad are: Douglas Sneed, Malcolm Call, Jim Dowden, and Leopold French.

Intramural action dropped to rock bottom minimum Monday afternoon as both Football and Volleyball fields were wet for play.

Not so with Basketball as two games were run off in the DeWare Field House: Day Students scored a close victory when they won over "A" CWS, 21 to 19. James Conrad of the Day Students was the game's high point man with nine to his credit. Close behind him was Ab Harris of the CWS, five with eight points. Harris also sparked his team's defense.

"C" Air Force pushed a win over "D" Field Artillery, the final score being 19 to 14. Buddy Dealy accounted for seven of "C" Flight's points and Duke Ellington scored six for the artillerymen.

Athletic officers are reminded of the Intramural Cross Country meet on December 9. Each entrant must complete the course three times before then. Barney Welch, Intramurals manager suggests that teams start their workouts this week to insure keenest competition and best condition of runners.

## Cadet Runners Favorites In Distance Meet

The Texas A & M Cross Country team will be favored to take the Southwest Conference Cross Country Championship away from the University of Texas this week. The Conference meet will be held at College Station this Friday afternoon.

The Aggies, who have won the Longhorns win the championship for the past seventeen years, suddenly find themselves the team to beat in this Friday's meet. Coach Anderson has most of his runners back from last season and the team has showed up well in dual meets they have run this year.

The Farmers have raced four times this season, losing the opener to the University of Oklahoma and then coming back to score wins over North Texas State, Oklahoma A&M, and the University of Texas.

Leading the Aggies this year are runners J. D. Hampton and Julian Herring. Hampton has finished first in all the Aggie dual meets this season. Other members of the team who are expected to help Hampton and Herring Friday afternoon are Carroll Hahn, Jerry Bonnen, Webster Stone, and Ray Holbrook.

As expected, A&M's chief competition will come from the University of Texas team. Gone from last year's Longhorn team is Jerry Thompson, the winner of the 1947 Conference meet.

In Friday's meet the Steer's hopes will rest on the shoulders of runners Dickie Brooks, Wayne Hansen, and Bobby Whisenant.

Rice is also expected to bring a team to College Station for the conference meet.

Water Polo Team Meets Baylor In Season's Finale

A&M is slated to pick up its first conference title of the year tonight when the Aggie Water Polo team clashes with the Baylor Bears in Waco. Although water polo is not a recognized conference sport, the Cadet team will have an undisputed title in the conference as the best team if it wins. This will be the last match of the season. The game will be staged in the Baylor Pool, with the B team match starting at 7 p. m. and the varsity at 7:45.

Last week the Bears were outpointed 7-5 by the Longhorn splashers in a rough game. But Baylor forward Jenn McCoy was the star of the game, making four goals for his nights work.

Handsome Jack Telar suffered a broken nose in the rough contest, and his brother, Roger, spent part of the first half in the penalty box.

John Ritter of Baylor was also pulled out of the water as the fouling increased.

Baylor has a notably rough team, and may give the Aggies a fight tonight. Bernie Syfan will miss the game because of an injury incurred in the last Baylor game when an opponent pushed off of his back. Van Adamson will probably take Syfan's forward position, and Paul Fleming will take Adamson's place at guard.

Two weeks ago the home team romped to a 16-1 win over the Bears, but Coach Art Adamson is worried about a let down on his Aggie team for tonight's tilt.

The Bee team is likely to run into a little more competition than the varsity squad. The Bruin second team defeated the Shorthorns 5-4 last week, and A&M's B team tied them earlier in the season.

## Got Grid Gloom?

Wisconsin Team Hasn't Won Since '38

AP Newsfeatures

ASHLAND, Wis.—Having a rough year, coach? Having trouble making both ends meet—in the other fellow's end zone?

Then pull up that chair and listen to the story of the Lumberjacks from Northland College in this city on the south shore of western Lake Superior.

The Lumberjacks haven't won a football game since Oct. 29, 1938! In fact, the two touchdowns they scored this season represent their total points for the last three years. They lost all six of their games this season.

At second glance, however, things at Northland aren't quite as bad as they appear. There was a span—from Oct. 30, 1941, until

the beginning of the 1946 season—during which the Lumberjacks didn't field a team. Many of the male students were in the armed services and the masculine end of the student body during those years averaged five.

Still, that leaves a six-year victory drought at Northland. It started with a 25-0 loss to Eveleth (Minn.) Junior college in 1938. The Jacks signaled their wartime abandonment of football with a 13-0 loss to Duluth (Minn.) Junior College on Oct. 30, 1941.

Things were no better when Northland resumed competition in 1946. It struggled through two luckless seasons without scoring a point, then right halfback Bud Nyberg of Ashland speared a flat pass good for eight yards and a touchdown against Goeghe Junior College of Ironwood, Mich., early this year. The Jacks tallied another touchdown in their last game this fall.

When the 1948 season opened, Coach Ross Anderson, former University of Iowa guard from Mason City, Ia., had 36 football candidates. Injuries cut that figure to 29, but there's no such thing as a defeatist attitude on the entire squad. In fact the whole school and most of the city of Ashland, are solidly behind the Lumberjacks, fervently hoping for the day when Northland finishes on the long end of the score.

The opening game—against Rochester (Minn.) Junior College—cost Anderson two left halfbacks. One was Joe Tarasewicz, who fractured three bones in a hand; the other was Harry Joczewicz, who broke his collarbone.

Northland fielded a small team; the line averages close to 200 pounds and the backfield is around 170. Of the school's registration of 350, there are 233 male students.

Quarterbacks Bob Howard and Tom Mackie, both of Ashland, and halfbacks Nyberg and George Bohrebacker of Lac du Flambeau, Wis., are four of 20 freshmen on the squad.

As may be expected, the turnover of coaches at Northland has been a bit heavy. Lyle Arns, who preceded Anderson, was there two years. Ralph Spencer held the job before that for one season. Before Spencer there was Stanley Huffman, a two-year man, and before Huffman was Arthur L. Gennies, who arrived in 1933 and stayed through the 1938 campaign.

But football fortunes haven't always been bad at Northland. In 1931, under the tutelage of Moose Gardner, former Green Bay Packers star, the Lumberjacks were one of five unscored-on eleven in the country.

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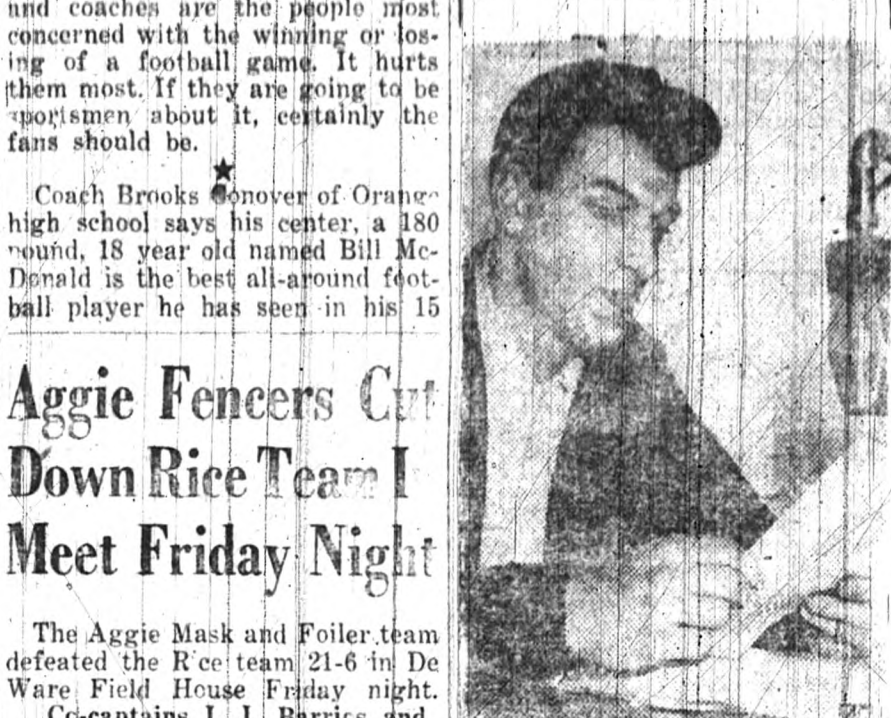
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## Frank and Mike



SOUTH BEND, Ind.— Frank Tripucka, Notre Dame's crack T quarterback, hopes to become a sports announcer when he graduates. The forward passer is shown airing his views during the regular weekly broadcast from the campus radio station.

11,000 Due To See Freshmen Play Saturday

The largest crowd ever to see a freshman football game on Kyle Field and one of the largest turnouts ever to witness a frosh contest anywhere in the Southwest is expected here Saturday afternoon when the Texas Aggie fish engage the star-studded Texas Shorthorns.

Kickoff will be at 2:30 p. m. Sponsored by the Ben-Hur Shrine Temple of Austin, the game is expected to attract upward of 11,000 fans. Given a break from the weather man, the turnout may go to 15,000.

Chief topic of conversation regarding the Saturday battle centers around the anticipated individual duel between the Shorthorns' Byron Townsend and the Aggies' Glenn Lippman.

Townsend made all-state two straight years while playing brilliantly for Odessa. Lippman was equally great as a climax runner for the Class A El Campo Ricebirds.

Carl (Red) Mayes of Pampa, Jimmy Pakenham of Longview, Paul Williams of Lufkin, Barlow Hill of Wichita Falls and Joe Arnold of Corpus Christi are among other stars on the Shorthorn squad.

Algie Saxe of Beaumont, Charley Hodge of Dallas, Jack Jones of Breckenridge, Jim Doherty of Abilene, Gerald Bowen of Corsicana, Elo Nohavitz of El Campo, Jim Fowler of Temple and Russell Hudeck of Houston are among boys who have stood out for the Aggie fish in their games thus far.

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Watching the Rice game from the Aggie bench are WRAY WHITTAKER, left, and JOHN CHRISTENSEN. Both of these players are out for the season with injuries, but will be back next year. Meanwhile, they don't seem happy over the course of the game.

## Williamson Rates Michigan As Number One Team in Nation

With only a few Saturday's remaining in the 1948 football season, the Michigan Wolverines appeared to have the national ranking sewed up after running wild, 54-0, over the Indiana Hoosiers. Meanwhile the other top teams, Army and Notre Dame have rough going to keep their stainless records clean.

Both of these eleven met stout teams, and almost came out of the short end of the scoreboard. Army had to pull out its heavy artillery to salvage the game from rugged Pennsylvania in the last 30 seconds of play. However, the Cadets' march covered 73 yards as they showed their ability to turn on the power when needed.

Notre Dame's 12-7 defeat of Northwestern kept them in the running for national honors. Northwestern held the top spot in the nation early in the season, but relinquished it after falling before the potent Wolverines.

Williamson's ratings list Michigan in the No. 1 position, followed by Army and North Carolina. Notre Dame dropped behind Gallifornia after the Bears romped at will over Washington State 44-14. SMU is the highest rated team in the Southwest Conference, and the Mustangs hold down the 18th spot in the nation. Next are Texas, Baylor, TCU, and Rice.

Several teams slipped out of the top ten this week. Georgia Tech lost favor when it dropped its second straight game, 12-17, to

Alabama. Georgia promptly moved to 16 eighth place. Tulane slipped even though it ran over the injured Baylor Bears.

In the number six spot was Penn State, and Michigan State was seventh. Clemson held down the number nine spot after it defeated Wake Forest 21-14, even though it was the underdog.

Northwestern held on to the number ten spot by virtue of its mighty game against Notre Dame.

Georgia Tech, which seems to be some sort of a Williamson pet, still made the number 11 spot, even though it has lost to two underdog teams two weekends in a row.

In the production department, Williamson has let his ratings pull him out on a limb. In predicting games, the team that is rated highest by this point system is picked the winner.

This weekend, Williamson picks Baylor over SMU which seems to be a mighty thin limb.

On others TCU is picked over Rice, Michigan over Ohio State, and Alabama over LSU. Also picked are North Carolina over Duke and Tennessee over Kentucky.

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