

Pt. Arthur-Waco Meet In Top Battle

Perfect Records Boasted By Six Teams In Semi-Finals

By SACK SPOEDE

Only the cream of the crop is left in the Texas high school football play-offs. Six teams with perfect records move into the semifinals of the class AA and class A campaigns. These are the two championships left open, while the Arlington Heights Jackets of Ft. Worth have sacked up the big City crown. The Cow Town club won the title with a 20-0 victory over Lamar of Houston last Saturday.

Pt. Arthur, the Gulf Coast powerhouse, continued to lead the victory parade, as they have done all season, Saturday by soundly trouncing the Austin Maroons, 35-0, in Austin. This week they meet a team with an almost equally impressive record, Waco's giant air-conscious Tigers.

In the other class AA semi-final match the surprising Denison squad will be club by the tough Sandies from Amarillo who are rated on a par with both Waco and Pt. Arthur. Denison is the only AA team in the semifinals that does not have a perfect record.

This is the first year that the Denison team has moved so far in the schoolboy race. All three of the other semi-finalists are chronic winners in the state pigskin picture.

Austin will be the scene of the number one scrap this week when Port Arthur and Waco see which team will represent south Texas in the finals, probably against Amarillo.

In the Class A semi-finals Monahans meets New London and New Braunfels engages the upset minded Fairfuries team. Monahans, New London and New Braunfels all have unblemished records while the Fairfuries team lost an early season tilt.

This is the schedule for the week's semi-finals:
Class AA—Saturday: Amarillo at Denison, 2 p. m.; Waco vs. Port Arthur at Austin, 2 p. m.

Class A—Friday: Fairfuries vs. New Braunfels at San Antonio, 8 p. m.; Saturday: Monahans vs. New London at Brownwood, 2 p. m.

New Braunfels is the favorite for the Class A crown but the Fairfuries team has upset clubs before in this season's campaign. Last week they defeated the Aldine team, who in turn had ended the El Campo win streak earlier more than thirty games.

Jerome Bindsell, injured at the beginning of the season, has returned to top form to lead the New Braunfels Unicorns in the post season campaign. Connie Magourik is the outstanding star for the New Londoners as they defeated the Bowie eleven 38-2 last week.

All of the scoring done by Monahans was done by Waldo Young of that team as it checked Phillips, 13-7.

In the double A bracket last week the loss of fullback Claude Fox hurt the Amarillo Golden Sandstorm as they edged by the Odessa Broncos 12-6. All-state

end candidate James Garner was the only scoring factor in the game for the Panhandle eleven. Garner is the cousin of Hub Bechtel, former All-American end at TU.

Denison edged Breckenridge 7-6 and Waco routed the Texarkana Tigers 20-7. Next week should find Amarillo and Port Arthur meeting in the AA finals and New London and New Braunfels in the A finals according to the experts.

Aggies Engage Bearkats Here Tomorrow At 8

The Texas Aggies and the Sam Houston State Teachers College cagers will meet for a second time this season in a game in Aggie land Wednesday night at 8 o'clock. The Aggie Fish team will also perform earlier in the night when they meet the B squaders from Huntsville.

The Bearkats defeated the Farmers once this season in a game in Huntsville 47 to 43. It was the second straight defeat that the Aggies suffered before leaving the Abilene Christian Cagers in a game at College Station last Saturday night.

The Bearkats, who have won two games in three starts lost only to Rice in a close fought contest. The Huntsville cagers led by Acher Hanks are rounding into shape fast and ought to give the Aggies another real battle.

A much improved Aggie squad will be out to prove that they were underrated in pre-season predictions and ought to give the Huntsville boys a real battle before the home folks.

The freshman team will also play another of their twelve game schedule Wednesday night when they meet the B squad from Sam Houston. Jewell McDowell, freshman addition to the squad who will be eligible for varsity competition next semester, ought to prove a real help when the freshman bid for their second straight victory.

Dickinson College in Pennsylvania once made 227 points in one football game.

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Conference Champs

Aggie Tracksters Ready For Spring

By DON ENGELKING

December may seem a little early to start track to some people but not to the Texas Aggie track squad. Nearly all the members of the Farmer team that has won Conference track and field crown for the past 2 years have been working out on Kyle Field since they returned from the Thanksgiving Holidays.

The distance men, who formed the Cross Country team that won the SWC title last month, have been working out since the first of September.

Quartermilers have been busy since early in November preparing for the Sugar Bowl Festival in which A&M has been asked to enter the mile relay.

Other track and field men vying for places on the Aggie squad started their work-outs during the first week in December.

A&M's opponents in the Sugar Bowl race have not been announced but Oklahoma A&M and LSU are likely prospects. The event will be run December 30, two days before the Sugar Bowl game between Oklahoma and North Carolina.

Likely prospects to make the trip to New Orleans are: Ray Holbrook, Erwin Bilderback, Don

Playoffs Line Up For Intramurals

Intramural activities this last week in December have simmered down to the minimum with a few playoffs holding the highlights.

Vet Basketball reaches its climax tonight when the Vet court championship will be decided in DeWare Field House at 8 p. m.

The league leader of A League Flag football was determined Monday afternoon. Dorm 16 won over Puryear 7 to 0. Dorm 16 scored when Art Burch passed to Bob Hovel in the end zone; Burch also kicked the extra point and was adjudged the top player of the game. These two teams had played a deadlock earlier but Puryear was unable to offer any offense this time.

"A" ASA scored a 12 to 0 victory over "D" Vet. Mel Moncrief and Gene Johnson scored for the ASA team. Buck Wray made "D" Vet's only score.

In Volleyball, "A" Cavalry won two straight games to sweep their match from "B" Infantry. "D" Infantry had a tougher time downing "A" Signal, two games out of three. "D" Vet forfeited their game to "B" Engineers and Day Students did the same to "C" Air Force.

In the Tennis playoffs between "A" Infantry and "A" QMC, darkness stepped in and halted the sets when they were all even. They will be continued later. "C" Infantry swept its series with "A" Air Force in just three sets.

Many historians think that the oldest game in the world is dice throwing.

Give a '49

Aggie Calendar

FOR CHRISTMAS

Basketball To Start Earlier Next Season

By HAROLD V. RATLIFF
Dallas, Dec. 14 —(AP) The Southwest Conference did a neat sidestep on the expansion situation at its winter meeting over the week-end. It not only voted against expansion at this time but politely told the schools to please not even ask about getting in for three years.

We doubt if the conference ever takes in another member. In other words the fellows who run this athletic set-up are satisfied with the situation as it is. There is justification for the stand. The Southwest Conference is a tough football circuit. Rivalries are deep. When a coach takes his team through six conference games with each of the traditional variety it's enough. Pointing six times in one season is a difficult proposition.

Already, the conference is so tough a member has little hope of an undefeated, untied season even though it may pop up in inter-sectional play. Thus, it prevents a member of the conference getting anywhere in the national ratings.

But the conference did something to help inter-sectionally in another sport. It decided that basketball practice could begin Oct. 15 instead of Nov. 1.

A look at the conference's inter-sectional cage record thus far this season shows how the new rule will benefit.

This conference starts basketball after the other conferences have been training for weeks. By the time the southwest teams are in form and playing top basketball they already have lost most of their big inter-sectional tests.

It was the second week of the campaign this year before the conference members started taking some victories. It's going to be difficult for the teams to catch up after their disastrous first week.

It was the observation of Claire Bee, Long Island University mentor that Texas Basketball players were as good as those in any other section but that the boys didn't play enough. He pointed out that teams in the east made it a year-around proposition. If a boy wasn't playing at his college he was at some camp or some resort during the off-season getting in basketball.

Port Arthur-Waco Tickets On Sale

AUSTIN, Dec. 14 —(AP) This is the ticket set-up for the Waco-Port Arthur AA semi-final high school football game at Memorial Stadium Saturday:

Reserved seats on the west side will be \$2. General admission \$1.50. High school students, 50 cents.

Tickets will be available at Waco High, Port Arthur High and the University of Texas Athletic Office.

They may be ordered in advance by check from the University Athletic Office.

University, 42-56, and to Canisius, 60-51.

Texas Christian and Texas A&M broke into the credit column for the first time last week. Texas Christian downed east Texas State 63-54, and A&M beat Abilene Christian College, 58-40. Other feature games this week match Arkansas against Kentucky; Texas vs. New York University; Baylor vs. Missouri A&M vs. Louisiana State; Texas Christian vs. Denver; Southern Methodist vs. St. Louis; and Texas vs. St. Joseph's (Philadelphia).

Jack Brown of Southern Methodist University leads in scoring with 84 points. Slater Martin of Texas and Tom Hamilton of Texas are second and third with 81 and 66 points respectively.



Doyle Griffin, Intramural Cross Country winner, stands above in the center flanked by the next four men who crossed the line after him. Reading from right to left: Pat Schlatter, 5th place; John Garmony, 3rd place; Griffin; S. M. White, 2nd place; and C. C. Webb, 4th place.

Cotton And Sugar Bowls Are Conceded To Have Best Games

By BILL POTTS

Rabid football bowl fans are beginning to pack their bags now while they take a look at the old expense account to see how it will be, come January 1, 1949. Its not many days until that all-important date rolls around.

By the time that they are in their favorite bowls, bragging to the guy next to them about the slick way they managed to obtain tickets on the 89 yard line, their temperature will be up toward the boiling point, concerning the game.

Although fans of that caliber can be found nearly everywhere there is a bowl, most of their interest lies in the "Big Four," the Rose Bowl in Pasadena, the Cotton Bowl in Dallas, the Sugar Bowl in New Orleans, and the Orange Bowl in Miami.

Out of the four, the two conceded to have the best drawing cards of the lot are the Cotton and Sugar Bowls.

SMU, the host team in the Cotton Bowl, will meet the co-champions of the Pacific Coast Conference, the Oregon Webfoots. Oregon tied with California for that conference's top honors and offered to have a playoff game for the championship but the Bears declined. In a vote by the members of that league the Bears were chosen to play in the Rose Bowl.

Oregon and SMU have similar records this season, the Webfoots having lost only one, that to Michigan, while winning all others. The Mustangs have the same record with only one loss to Missouri to mar their.

Fans who see this one will get a chance to compare the passing aces of the two teams, Gil Johnson of SMU, and Norm Van Brocklin of Oregon. Besides those two, Doak Walker is expected to be in top shape again after being slowed by a bad leg in the last part of the season so anything can be expected.

In the Sugar Bowl, North Carolina's Charlie Justice will be expected to show his speed and razzle-dazzle to Oklahoma's great all-around team.

Jack Mitchell, superb quarterback of the Oklahoma Sooners, and a galaxy of other stars will be expected to stop the Tarheels because of their great defensive play shown this season.

In the Rose Bowl, the oldest of them all, Northwestern's Wildcats take on California's Golden Bears in what promises to be another embarrassing day for the coast conference. This game, somewhat over rated, will draw the largest crowd of them all, something over 100,000.

By the terms of the contract between the Coast Conference and the Big Nine, the latter's teams can go to the granpappy bowl only once every three years. Michigan, winner of the Big Nine

championship two years running, went last year so it was ineligible this time.

Because of this, Northwestern, the runner-up to Michigan's champions of the Big Nine, was selected to go. They're expected to take this one.

The football team of the Forty Acres, the over-rated and four times defeated Texas Longhorns have been the target of some not-too-complimentary remarks tossed at them by various sports scribes, particularly from the Miami area where the Orange bowl is.

The Longhorns will tangle with Georgia Bulldogs, champions of the Southeastern Conference, in that bowl on New Year's Day.

Word from the campus over on the Colorado says that they will be set to stomp the Bulldogs to make up for their disappointing season, particularly the last game. Whether they can or not is doubtful.

In the only minor bowl in which a Southwestern Conference team figures, Baylor is taking on Wake Forest. Its the Dixie Bowl at Birmingham on January 1.

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