

Rote, Walker Guide Mustangs Over Webfoots In Cotton Bowl

By SACK SPOEDE

Everyone interested in football knows that SMU smashed the Oregon Webfoots in the annual Cotton Bowl grid fracas, 21-13. Just for the record however, Battalion Sports wants to give a short recap of the game.

Coch Matty Bell's Mustangs maintained a clear superiority throughout the battle, allowing the Oregonians to score only in the latter stages of the game against second and third team Mustangs. Doak Walker smashed over in the first quarter to put the Dallas

team ahead, and they never lost the lead for the remainder of the game.

The Webfoots had possession of the ball only one time in the first quarter, when they had the stiff east wind to their back. The visiting team did, however, hold the ball the majority of the time the second quarter.

With 5 minutes and 15 seconds gone in the third quarter, Sophomore Kyle Rote led the game for the Methodists with a 35 yard TD dash over right tackle. Walker added the extra point for the second time during the game.

Gene "Chicken" Roberts made the third Mustang score after the Visitors had scored 6 points.

The Oregon team scored again later in the fourth quarter.

Kyle Rote, the former Thomas Jefferson of San Antonio star, gave notice that he must be given attention as a future All-American candidate in this game. Rote has picked such extra monickers as Killer Kyle, King Kyle, and "The San Antonio Express" due to his performances on the grid this season.

He improved as the season progressed after being held in several games during the middle of the season. Against the Aggies Rote was checked throughout the game.

Doak Walker, the leading light on college football at present, directed the Mustang attack as it

probed the Webfoot defense for a weakness. Walker also averaged around five yards a carry in the ball lugging department.

The best kick of the season in the southwest was a quick kick off the toe of the Doaker that traveled 80 yards and rolled out of bounds on the one foot line in answer to the prayers of a Mustang Cheer leader on the sidelines.

Pass defense, the weakness the Aggie coaches discovered in the Mustang defense, was also spotted by Jim Aiken, head coach at Oregon U. Several passes were dropped by the Oregon receivers in the beginning phases of the game.

Kilgore Junior College's Rangerettes presented the 69,000 fans with the best halftime show by this observer this season. They were, to put it mildly, terrific.

KICKING IT AROUND

BY ART HOWARD

Sports Writers Recorded Excellent Welcome at Cotton Bowl Festivities

There was only one disappointing part of the Cotton Bowl festivities in Dallas last Saturday, and that was the absence of an elevator to the press box. Believe me, that was all.

Most of the fans, especially the press, had a fine weekend. The extravaganza that was staged at the halftime of the Southwest Classic was really something.

All of the cheesecake in the Dallas area was on hand as the letters O, U, and SMU, were spelled out on the field. Even the steady flow of fried chicken,

HOWARD cokes and hot dogs couldn't keep the attention of the sport scribers.

A breakfast for the Texas Sports Writers Association was held in the Baker Hotel Saturday morning. It was supposed to start at 8 a. m., but that was too early for this writer on January 1st. All of the business had been transacted by the time I drug in at 10. I must have looked good, because Bub King, sports publicity director for A&M, went around offering money

to anybody who would take me out into the fresh air.

I asked Harold Ratliff if the award of "Southwesterner of the Year" to Gil Johnson would hurt Walker's chance for the Sullivan Trophy. Ratliff said no, that Johnson was given this award on the basis of his performance in spite of a physical handicap, in addition to being one of the most valuable players on the SWC championship team.

It was too bad that I arrived late, for there was almost a troop of A&M men there. Dub King, H. B. McElroy, Clarence Weikel, Glen Williams, and Batt sports staffers Sack Spodee, Bill Potts, and Andy Matula were on hand. Had we gotten together in a caucus, we might have elected our own president. As it was, a dark horse named George White sneaked in.

Still minus breakfast, I looked around for food. There was none in sight, but one of the above group led me into the inner sanctuary where there was plenty of refreshments, courtesy of the Cotton Bowl.

On an end run, Walker bent the first down marker in a "U", and got up rather slowly, and limped a little. Some writer said that he was injured, but Morris Frank, the effervescent wit, said, "No, if he had, Matty Bell would have committed suicide."

Kern Tips Will Speak at Aggie Grid Banquet

Tickets are now on sale for what promises to be the largest football banquet ever given by the Brazos County A&M Club.

The huge affair, honoring Texas A&M's 1948 varsity football and cross country teams and dates of the athletes, will be held in Sbis Hall the night of Friday, January 14th.

Kern Tips, Houston sports announcer who has become known in the Southwest through his broadcasts of Southwest Conference football games, will be the principal speaker at the banquet.

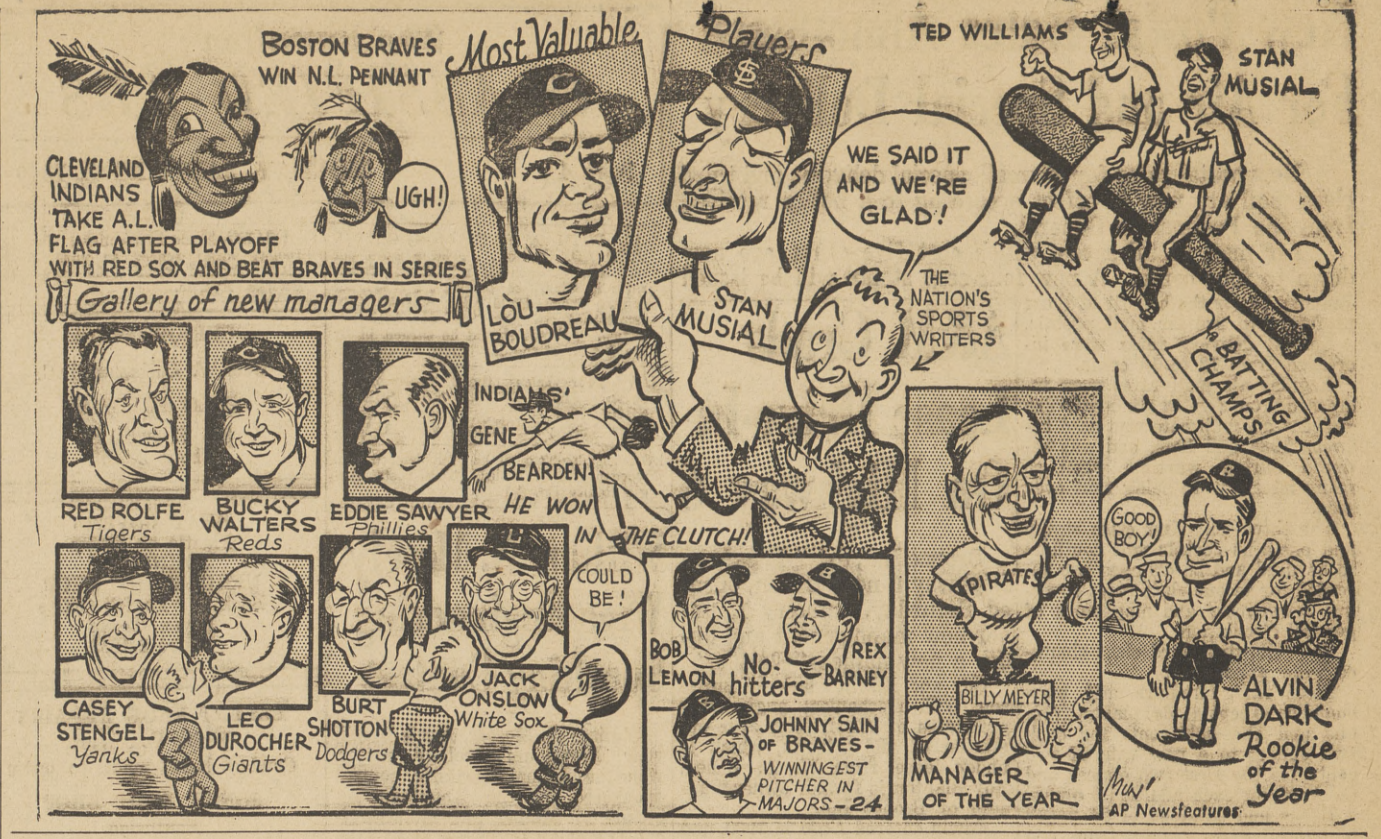
Tickets may be obtained at the W.S.D. Clothiers in Bryan, at Aggie Inn and at Lipscomb's Pharmacy, College Station. Tickets also may be purchased from Holloway Hughes, Johnny Longley, Spike White, George McCullough, J. E. Roberts, Col. Bill Becker, Wayne Stark, Gordon McCutcheon, Browning Dewey, Dick Harvey, Brezzy Brezele, Lucian Morgan, Bill Carmichael and P. L. (Phinky) Downs, Jr.

Sid Loveliss is chairman of the ticket committee and E. E. McQuillen is chairman of the program committee. Lucian Morgan heads the general arrangements committee.

Loveliss reminded sports fans in Bryan and students as well as employees of the college that the deadline for purchasing tickets is January 12.

Bowl Scores

- COTTON BOWL
SMU 21, Oregon 13.
- ORANGE BOWL
Texas 41, Georgia 28.
- DIXIE BOWL
Baylor 20, Wake Forest 7.
- SUGAR BOWL
Oklahoma 14, North Carolina 6.
- ROSE BOWL
Northwestern 20, Southern California 14.
- GATOR BOWL
Clemson 24, Missouri 23.
- SUN BOWL
West Virginia 21, Tex. Mines 12.
- DELTA BOWL
William and Mary 20, Oklahoma A&M 0.
- EAST-WEST
East 14, West 12.
- HARBOR BOWL
Villanova 27, Nevada 7.
- SALAD BOWL
Drake 14, Arizona 13.
- RAISIN BOWL
Occidental 21, Colorado A&M 20.
- VULCAN BOWL
Kentucky State 23, Carolina A&T 13.
- PRAIRIE VIEW BOWL
Wilberforce 6, Prairie View 0.
- LILLY BOWL
United States Navy All-Stars 25, Kindley Flyers 6.
- Sul Ross 21, Murray State 21.
- PINEAPPLE BOWL
Oregon State 47, University of Hawaii 27.
- CIGAR BOWL
Missouri Valley 13, St. Thomas 13, tie.



Cagers Return From Winless Road Trip

Battalion Sports

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A&M's basketball squad will return to their home grounds this afternoon after having taken two winless road tours during the holidays. The first was a southern jaunt into the cajun country where they fell before the guns of LSU and Tulane, and then they garnered two victories

over the teachers from Southwest Oklahoma College by 50 to 30 and 49 to 35 at College Station.

Tulane handed the Aggies their worst defeat of the season, with a stinging 51 to 28 margin in New Orleans. The Green Wave has been considered one of the best quintets in the south, having downed Texas and Rice. However, powerful Kentucky humbled Tulane 47 to 19 later in the holidays.

The worst disappointment for Cadet rooters was the 58 to 55 loss to lowly LSU. As in football, the Tigers were supposed to be their weakest in several years.

After holding a lead in the initial period, the Farmers slowed

down as the Tigers' offensive began to click. Seton Hall outdistanced the Aggie visitors in South Orange, New Jersey last Friday night by running up six straight points to break a 16-16 deadlock, and then coasting to a 69-55 win.

The bright spot of this game was the scoring of Aggie Jim Kirkland, who tallied 22 points, followed by Turnbow with 17. Kirkland led the squad in scoring in almost every game on the two tours. He made 17 points against Southwestern Oklahoma, and 15 against LSU.

Siema College also dropped A&M by a 43 to 36 count, and Akron University also dropped the Aggies.

This was almost a carbon copy of last year's road tour when A&M lost three games up north and edged LSU. However, the added experience of this trip is expected to improve Coach Marty Karow's charges.

With most of the pre-season firing over, Southern Methodist appears to have won the title of "The Most Improved Team" in the SWC. But Baylor appears to have a strong claim to the title slot, having beaten Texas by a considerable margin over the holidays.

Poorly TCU will open the season against SMU tomorrow night, and Baylor clashes with Arkansas in Waco Wednesday.

A&M will open its season against TCU in Fort Worth Friday night, and trade shots with SMU the following night.

Former student assigned to Ohio Electronics Lab

Lt. Thomas A. Aldrich of San Angelo, former A&M student, has been assigned to the plans section of the Electronics Division of Air Material Command at Wright-Patterson Air Base, Ohio, after completion of two and a half years service with the occupation forces in Japan.

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Tulane Line Coach Joins Aggie Staff

J. T. King has been added to the A&M varsity football coaching staff, Athletic Director Bill Carmichael announced today.

King, line coach at Tulane University the past three seasons, has resigned his post there and will report for duty here tomorrow. He has been designated as Aggie end coach.

King played high school football at John Reagan in Houston and later was a standout guard at the University of Texas. After graduation from Texas, he coached at Kennedy (Texas) high school, later moving to Enid, Oklahoma, as head coach of the high school team. King produced several state championship teams at Enid. When Henry Franka moved from Tulsa to Tulane three years ago, he took along King as one of his assistants.

Harry Stiteler, head Aggie mentor, believes King will prove a valuable addition to the Aggie coaching staff which has been short one man since Thurman (Tugboat) Jones resigned last June to enter business.

"We are very fortunate to land a man with King's experience. He fits right in with our plans," said Stiteler. King is married and has sons four and eight years of age.

Farmers Win Mile Relay At New Orleans

The nationally famous Aggie Mile Relay team came through again at the Sugar Bowl Sports Carnival during the holidays and successfully defended its famous record as the outstanding mile relay team in the nation when it defeated teams from Oklahoma A&M and North Carolina U.

Donald Mitchell of Deer Park, C. S. Ludwig of Dallas, Erwin Bildeback of Dallas and Roy Holbrook of Baytown were the tracksters that competed on Track Coach Frank Anderson's team. They won the race with a time of 3:21.4. Oklahoma A&M was second and North Carolina was third.

The four men that competed for A&M had previously nosed out other good runners of the Aggie track squad who tried for positions on the team.

In the same race last year at the Sports Carnival in the Crescent City, the Aggie relay team was edged out by Oklahoma A&M after the baton was dropped by an Aggie runner. The Aggies still managed to finish second, even with that handicap on them.

The four men that ran for A&M at the Sugar Bowl this year are not the only Aggie athletes capable of performing on the team. Coach Anderson has others that will provide plenty of strength for the team in the conference track meet and other events.

Both Clemson and Missouri, 1949 Gator Bowl opponents, are called the Tigers.

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