

# Scribe Says Hazing The Cause of A&M's Victoryless Teams

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DALLAS, Sept. 20.—(AP)—Texas A. and M. now has gone through 15 games without a victory.

It is a serious matter when a major college can't win a football game in a season and a half.

The question which arose immediately after the 35-0 defeat of A. and M. by Villanova last weekend was what's wrong with the Aggies; why aren't there top football players at Aggie land?

Check the roster of the grid squad and see how many names you recognize as being among the heralded high school stars of two years ago. Glenn Lippman and two or three others will be the only ones you ever heard of unless you happened to live in the town where one of the Aggie sophomores came from.

Why don't more outstanding high school athletes go to A. and M.?

I think it stems from the trouble over hazing at A. and M. several years ago. Rebellion flared among the students against college officials over disciplinary rules. The campus seethed. High School athletes just were not interested in going to a school where there was trouble.

At the same time the ex-students wanted to fire the football coach because A. and M. wasn't winning championships.

The whole thing added up to the fact that A. and M. just didn't get the athletes. That may be changed since everything is operating smoothly at Aggie land but it will take several years to get the job done.

Meanwhile, Harry Stiteler is going to have to suffer along with a team that isn't likely to win a game this year.

The Aggies looked pretty poor against Villanova. They fumbled and made mistakes in the clinches; they were outsmarted and outcharged—just about everything went against them.

The two-weeks bulge in practice Villanova had on the Aggies was quite noticeable. The Wildcats were in mid-season.

A sentimental trophy was up in the Aggie-Villanova game this year. It bore the names of Nicholas Basca and Herbie Smith.

Basca was a star quarterback at Villanova. He lost his life in the late world war. Herbie Smith was a great kingman for the Aggies. He lost his life in the war, too.

So the trophy was dedicated to these two representatives of the spirit of Villanova and Texas A. and M.

Villanova thus far has kept the trophy ever since donating it for the game. The Wildcats won last year, too.

Under the new football rules this year a punt that goes over the goal line can be run out by the safety man or be allowed to die in the end zone and become a touchback.

The question arose: If the kick goes over the goal line then bounds back onto the field of play is it a touchback?

A ruling was asked and Secretary Arthur Hutchens of the National Rules Committee gave one.

Hutchens held that the ball still is in play under such a circumstance. If the kick dies on the six-inch line after first entering the end zone that's where the ball will be put in play.

Coincidence:

Putt Powell on Sept. 1, 1930, came to the Amarillo News-Globe office and asked Jerry Malin, then the sports editor, if he could hang around and write a few pieces about the Amarillo High School Sandies. Jerry said O. K.

First thing anybody knew Putt had become a member of the staff.

He's still there, doing one of the most widely read columns in the Panhandle and covering the doings of the Sandies.

Sept. 1 of this year—exactly 19 years later—Malin rejoined the News-Globe staff after a long absence.

## 'See Sweeney' Is Usually The Series Saying

NEW YORK, Sept. 19.—(AP)—Jack Sweeney has a perfect right to scream when anyone asks: "Are you going to the World Series?"

Sweeney usually "sees" his World Series with one ear on the radio and the other a telephone in a hotel room close to the nearest railroad station.

When it comes to moving a World Series from one city to another of getting a big league ball club out of town, Sweeney is the man who takes care of the details known as "space." That's because Sweeney is dean of the New York Central System's passenger representatives.

"Go see Jack Sweeney," is an expression as well known to baseball officials during a World Series as "kill the umpire." That's mainly because railroads run on schedule and ball games don't.

Sweeney got his baptismal run during the 1940 World Series between Detroit and Cincinnati.

"But the Series I'd like to forget was in 1942 between the Yankees and Cardinals. Nobody through the Cards would take four straight after losing the opening game. We had to break up the Series specials and run baseball trains to get baseball men to St. Louis, Detroit, Chicago, Cleveland and Cincinnati."

Rain and surprise Series victories are big drawbacks in ar-Sweeney.

Sweeney calls the 48 Series one "big headache." Many thought the Indians would take four straight after losing the 1-0 opener. But the Braves bounded back with an 11-5 win and forced the major league player travels 40,000 miles during a season. Traveling expenses, exclusive of hotels, cost each club approximately \$30,000 for four east-west return trips.

Recently Harold Parrott of the Rodgers recalled his first trip west after he became the club's traveling secretary. It was during the war when the Dodgers used uppers and lowers.

The Dodgers had obtained tained Goodie Rosen from Toronto. Since regulars sleep in lower berths, Rosen was forced to occupy an upper.

A few days with the Dodgers and Manager Leo Durocher put Goodie in the lineup against the Cards. The outfielder came up with two hits.

That night on the way to Cincinnati, Rosen noticed that his name on the posted sleeping car list still had him in an upper.

"How come I'm still in an upper?" Rosen queried Parrott. "I'm a regular now and should be in a lower."

"I'll see what I can do about it," replied Parrott, new at the job and aiming to please.

"You got Rosen in the lineup and he's still in an upper. I have no lowers," Parrott told Durocher.

"I'll fix that," replied Durocher. "I'll get Rosen out of there."

"Where, out of the upper?" asked Parrott. "No," replied Durocher, "Out of the lineup."



Jim Flowers, 215 pound junior from Dallas, started the A&M-Villanova game for the Aggies at the center slot. He was switched from tackle to the position in spring training and is expected to be one of the outstanding centers in the Southwest Conference this year.

## San Antonio Comments On Aggie-Wildcat Battle

(Editor's note: The following appeared yesterday in the San Antonio Express in Sports Editor Dick Peebles' column, "Voice of the Peebles!")

COLLEGE STATION, Sept. 18.—It was a tough fight and he lost, but he took it like a man as did Texas Aggies' famed "Twelfth Man"—the Cadet Corps of the College—as the Aggies found the rugged Villanova Wildcats and Dame Fate as tough a combination to beat as loaded dice in the hands of a crap-shooting artist.

Before the opening kick-off, the Twelfth Man was in his glory. Like as not he wore a cute gal friend on his arm, but definitely he was clothed in the Aggie air of confidence, just as he is before any game of athletic strife, no matter what the odds. The Aggies were going to take the Villanova Wildcat by the tail and tie it full of pretty knots.

But the football game itself hadn't grown out of its diaper age before it was very much apparent that the visiting Blue Shirts had some outside help, too.

Bad Breaks Hurt Aggies

Five times during the course of the 60 minutes of gridiron tug-of-war, the Blue Shirts made their way across the Aggie goal line. And each time Dame Fate had a hand in it. Three Aggie fumbles set up as many Villanova touchdowns; a pass interference penalty put the Wildcats in position to score another; and an Aggie halfback batted the ball squarely into the hands of a waiting Blue-Shirted receiver.

This should not be taken to mean that Dame Fate did all the work herself. She won her varsity "V" in this one, to be sure, but there were a block of guys running, blocking and tackling who had a hand in it. And they weren't Aggies. In Ralph Pasquariello and Pete D'Alonzo, Villanova has two of the hardest running fullbacks you'll find on any college team in the country.

And to go with that pair of runaway Mack trucks, the Wildcats have an assortment of strong-armed guys who seem to get great enjoyment out of rough and tumble frolicking.

Time Will Tell for Farmers

In another year, or perhaps two, the Aggies are going to do a lot of football talking. They'll do plenty before this year is out. It was a green sophomoreish eleven that Coach Harry Stiteler turned loose on the greensward. You expected mistakes, and you got what you expected. The Aggies should improve with every game. By the time Turkey Day rolls around, the Ags may be loaded for Longhorn.

But the kids like Dick Gardemal, Glenn Lippman, Charley McDonald, Yale Lary, Billy Tidwell, Clarence Lawson, Gary Anderson, Doyle Moore, Bobby Shaeffer, Sam Moses and Rus Hudeck—all sophomores—seem destined to cut a neat niche in Aggie land's Hall of Fame. And there are a flock of competent juniors who'll be back next year.

The Aggies' time is yet to come. But the way the Twelfth Man carried on and the way he whooped and hollered, you'd have thought the Farmers had arrived Saturday night. And when it was all over, his head was bloody, figuratively speaking, that is, but unbowed. And as the final gun sounded, the Aggies swarmed out of the stands and hoisted players of both teams, not just the Aggies, on their shoulders carried them off to the locker rooms. You can't beat that kind of spirit.

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## Ags Preparing For Tech's Red Raiders

A&M's footballers, despite the 35 to 0 drubbing at the hands of the Villanova Wildcats, are back at work again in preparation for this Saturday's game in San Antonio against the Red Raiders of Texas Tech.

Tech's loss over the weekend can be taken two ways.

Either Tech is weaker than expected or the Longhorns are much stronger than sports authorities had predicted. The same can be said about the Aggie loss, however.

Even though most football fans seem to think that this will be the Aggies only chance for a victory, Tech probably will be favored only slightly. A hard fought, close battle should take place.

The Aggies will probably start Lippman, Goff, Smith, and Gardemal in the backfield. This was the foursome that was on the field at the first whistle in the Villanova tussle.

In the Tech backfield, it looks like Hawkins, Stevenson, Jackson and Hatch. The Red Raiders will field only an average line, but a few such stalwarts as Williams and Jack Andrews looked exceptionally good against the Longhorns.

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quadrant that had a 7-3 record. Supposedly the Lubbock lads have a better team, but their chances of bettering their '48 record are slim.

Coach Del Morgan will have 25 returning lettermen including 13 last-year men. Tech's heaviest losses came at the end slots when three returning lettermen were lost because of graduation.

Bright sophomore prospects include Auggrey (Red) Phillips, a 240-pound center from Ft. Worth; John Moughn, Weatherford; an all-state schoolboy tackle from Don Anthony, Amarillo guard.

Also back are Bill Lyman, Littlefield, squadman last year, and Milton Rathbone, San Angelo, 1948 letterman and 1944 all-stater in Texas high school circles.

And among the new men are a couple of fancy tossers, Bobby Layne, All-American three years with the Texas Longhorns, coached passers last spring and two new men, especially, showed major improvement. John Moughn, Weatherford, star of the 1948 Tech freshmen, apparently picked up the most pointers and is hitting his mark consistently. Albert Salcedo, El Paso, a transfer, exhibited surprising ability in the scrimmage ending the spring drill. His passing, play calling and defensive tactics showed him a major contender for quarterback honors.

Junior Arterburn, outstanding quarterback of Ranger Junior college last fall, also moved to Tech this fall and is seen as a possible regular. Eural Ramsey, Shamrock high star of 1947, also is a candidate for quarterback.

Coach Del Morgan could start any of three men at fullback for the Red Raiders and not go wrong.

Back for their third year are lettermen Bud Conley, Quanah; J. W. Thompson, Odessa; and Earl Jackson, Phillips. Jackson showed himself as a fast and powerful runner last fall, after seeing Conley start most games. Jackson is a deceptive runner past the line of scrimmage, and he tears through the line. He is expected to be a starter this fall.

Conley always has been counted on for several yards a try, and Thompson, on occasion, has broken loose for long gains.

Coach Morgan, lacking strength this fall at right halfback, has been giving Conley a try at that post and plans to use him in both spots to utilize his ability.

'49 Fair Will Have Big Livestock Entry

DALLAS, Sept. 19.—(AP)—The State Fair of Texas said today its 1949 showing would have the largest number of livestock entries in the fair's history.

Entries have closed for all livestock events except the Palomino and Quarter horse shows, deadlines for which are Monday.

A total of 2072 animals have been entered in the beef and dairy cattle, swine, sheep and Angora goat shows by 186 exhibitors from 17 states and Canada.



Bobby Goff, senior halfback from Kentucky, is expected to be one of the leading ground gaining backs for the Aggies this season. The six feet, 190 pounder led the Aggie backs in that department last year and was eighth in the conference.

## Fencing Team to Begin Drills This Semester in October

A&M's fencing team will start practicing the first part of October.

Matches this year will be fought with all the Southwest Conference schools that have fencing teams. Last year, A&M's foil and saber boys fought Baylor and Texas.

Some matches will also be fought with non-conference schools.

There are hopes of having two sections of fencing in PE this year. If possible, the classes will be taught by members of the fencing team. All classes will be arranged in September.

If possible, one of the team members will be at the Annex twice a week to instruct freshmen. However, these classes will be voluntary and open to interested men.

In 57 meetings between the New York Yankees and New York Giants since 1910, the Yankees have won 25; the Giants 27 and two were ties.

Animals Given For Experiment Work

Several more animals have been made available to the Agricultural Experiment Station, Dr. R. D. Lewis, director, announced today.

The animals are "for use in our beef and dairy cattle breeding program," Dr. Lewis says.

Lenders are Dr. L. O. Wilkerson, Bryan, Brahman female; Wilburn S. Gibbs, Huntsville, two Brahman bulls; W. O. Manning, W. W. Foncien Estate Ranch, Fondren Road, Houston, Brahman bull.

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Glenn Lippman, Aggie sophomore halfback from El Campo, is expected to be one of A&M's big guns this fall. Last year, he led the Freshman team backs in yards gained on the ground.

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