

Simmen Ends Feud With Final Article On Ratliff Problem

BY FRANK SIMMEN, JR.

"If you can bear to hear the truth you've spoken Twisted by knaves to make a trap for fools"

I refer you, Harold, to a line or two of a poem written many years ago by a man named Rudyard Kipling. Let's compare facts again. In your recent column, in answer to the article I wrote, you said, "In the second place our column wasn't talking about this year but of the past few years when Aggie land didn't get top athletes."

Now, please, Harold, let's go back to your column concerning the possibility of having being the cause of the Aggie's present plight in football.

"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," another statement went like this "Why don't more outstanding high school athletes go to A&M?"

I may be wrong, Mr. Ratliff, but both of the above extracts are in the present tense.

If I may refer to your first column again, Harold, another point which this silly argument seems to be thriving on is evident. You mentioned in your first article about Aggie land having no stars; then when I referred you to some high school stars of the past two seasons, you came back with the answer that they were not all state. We, however, are of the opinion that all of Texas' best football players are not all-stars.

In answering me, Harold, you kept referring to the Texas Sports Writers' Association, which I never mentioned. I was referring to the many leading sports writers in Texas, not the Association.

As for these leading writers, both in and out of the Association, declaring the '48 Fish as the best freshman team in the state, I still contend that the Aggies were and I am sure most of the Texas sports writers will agree with me.

What I was referring to was a consensus opinion of Texas sport scribblers.

It appears quite evident, Harold, that no proof of either side of this argument can be obtained at the present time.

Let's close the matter until the end of the '51 season when we will have proof or disproof of the ability of the men in question.

Filling Station Twice Robbed; Same Results

Dallas, Sept. 28.—(AP)—R. C. Vickers says 75 is his unlucky number.

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The Consolidated High School Tigers go through a scrimmage session on their practice field. Tigers were district champions last year.

'MURAL NEWS

Monday, Intramural Athletics for this year begin with the biggest program in the history of A&M.

Monday, Wednesday, and Friday will be for Military matches. Due to the great increase in the number of teams this year, it will be necessary to play two basketball games on each court on Mondays and Fridays, and one on Wednesdays. The first game will begin at 4:30 and the second at 5:15. There are 44 Military teams, an increase of 14, ten non-military, and 25 club teams registered for play this year.

Tuesdays and Thursdays are re-which includes both the non-reg dorms and the clubs. These will begin at 5:15 each Tuesday and Thursday.

Military basketball begins at 4:30 Monday on the new Grove courts. Tennis begins at the same time on the courts behind Kyle Field.

Trying to hold its championships last year will be E Infantry, the basketball winners; and A Infantry, the tennis champions. A Infantry was also the runner-up in basketball while a QMC was the second place in tennis.

To facilitate the increased program, four new basketball courts have been built at the Grove to relieve the conflict in the schedule which arose when the varsity team begins practice October 15. This enables eight games a day to be played where two had been the limit last year. Most of the teams have been taking advantage of the new courts for practice all this week.

Beginning in tomorrow's Batt, there will be a schedule of the games two days in advance. Watch these notices because each forfeit will cost the team ten points toward the championship at the end of the year. There is going to be an effort to eliminate the great number of forfeits that plagued the intramural program last year according to director Barney Welch.

Shriners Discuss Fish-Yearling Tilt

Austin, Sept. 28.—(AP)—Plans for the Texas-A&M freshman football clash in Austin the Saturday before Thanksgiving were worked out at a meeting of Ben Her Temple Shrine officials Monday.

The Shrine is sponsoring the game and the proceeds will go to the Shrine's crippled children's clinic.

Abe Swanson, Temple recorder, said Saturday extra efforts were being put forth this year to get a large crowd out to the game.

"Twelve thousand attended last year's game between the two freshmen teams at College Station, and we believe that with a little extra effort we can double that attendance figure," he said.

Advance ticket sales indicate the Shrine had a good chance of meeting that aim. Reserve seat tickets, (See SHRINERS, Page 4)

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LINEMAN OF THE WEEK



CARL MOHLBERG

Aggie lineman of the week for the Texas Tech game is guard Carl Molberg.

No selection was made for the Villanova game, so this is the first award for the '49 season. Each week the sports staff of The Battalion will honor the lineman whom it feels was the most outstanding performer in the Cadet forward wall in the last game.

Molberg, 190-pound junior from Fredericksburg, won the honor by the slimmest of margins over guard Max Greiner and tackle Sam Moses.

Molberg is a member of the offensive unit employed by coach Harry Stiteler, but Saturday night he was playing some on the defense as well.

His key block that cut down two Raiders, slowed down a third, and enabled safety John Christensen to carry a punt back twenty-one yards to the Tech 15 was one of the highlights of the whole contest.

Sports writers have referred to Molberg and his running mate on the offense, Greiner, as the "watch charm" guards because both just tip the scales at 190. However, both are fine blockers and sturdy defensive players in the eyes of all grid observers who have seen them in action.

This week's lineman star played fullback in high school. As a school boy player, he annexed both all-district and all-Central Texas honors. A business major, he appears to be following in the shoes of Odel Stautzenberger, the San Antonio "businessman" who dealt SWC opponents so much misery the past few seasons.

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King, Tech Game Pictures On Thursday's Quarterback Club

The second meeting of The Battalion's Quarterback Club kicks off at 7:30 Thursday night, immediately after yell practice.

Featured speaker for this week's meeting is Aggie end coach J. T. King who scouted the Oklahoma Sooners last Saturday when they played Boston College in Boston.

King will speak on Oklahoma and what the Aggies will be up against when they meet next Saturday afternoon in Norman.

Awards will also be made to the 11 winners in last week's guessing contest.

To close the meeting, the game pictures of the A&M-Texas Tech game in San Antonio last Saturday night will be shown.

Open to Everyone

The Battalion would like to emphasize that the meetings are open to every student, faculty member, and college employee and to all other persons who present guest admission tickets presented them

by merchants sponsoring the Club. The guessing contest goes on again this week with the sponsors again giving 11 prizes to the persons who guess closest to the winners and actual scores of games in which Southwest Conference teams play.

The games in which Conference teams play this week are: A&M vs. OKLAHOMA U. in Norman.

TCU vs. ARKANSAS in Fayetteville.

BAYLOR vs. MISSISSIPPI STATE in Starkville.

RICE vs. LSU in Baton Rouge.

SMU vs. MISSOURI in Dallas.

TEXAS vs. IDAHO in Austin.

In Thursday's edition of The Battalion on the Quarterback Club page can be found an entry blank. Entrants in the contest should fill out the blank in the order in which this week's games are listed above.

All entry blanks should be turned into The Battalion Sports Desk by 5 p. m. Friday or postmarked by that time if mailed.

Eleven Prizes

Each week during football season, the sponsors will give 11 prizes.

By last Friday at 5 p. m., 131 people had turned in their guesses as to the results of the games in which Southwest Conference teams played last Saturday.

Seventeen entrants picked all the winners with the exception of the TCU-Oklahoma game. The tie between those two teams threw everyone off.

Winners were selected by adding up the scores of the winning teams and the scores of the losing teams separately and determining the numerical difference between the two.

Then, the actual scores of the winners and losers were added up separately and the difference in totals determined.

The persons' differences in totals which were closest to the difference in totals of the actual scores were declared the 11 winners.

Each week's prizes will be awarded to the 11 winners at the next week's meeting of the Quarterback Club.

The Winners

The following winners of last week's contest will be awarded prizes Thursday night: Jack E. Welch, A. R. Rider, B. F. Higginbotham, Robert D. Boyd, Vernon Z. Martin, R. V. Garcia, R. A. Hooker, Ralph L. Terry, R. E. Duckett, Grady Elms, and J. J. Desharzo.

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The Battalion gives two tickets to the next A&M game.

Baylor's Bears To Meet Miss. State Saturday

WACO, Sept. 28.—(Spl.)—The Baylor Bears will board a special charter plane Friday morning for Starkville, Mississippi where they will meet the Mississippi State Maroons Saturday afternoon.

The Bruins came out of their 20-6 victory over the South Carolina Gamecocks in perfect physical condition, though Coach Bob Woodruff admitted that his defense and ground game in the contest was far from what he wanted.

Big Adrian Burk showed that he is of definite All-American caliber by completing 10 out of 12 passes against South Carolina for a net gain of 136 yards and two touchdowns. He received much help from ends Stanley Williams and J. D. Ison, both of whom made outstanding catches between two Gamecock defenders for touchdowns.

This year's game with the Maroons should be one of more offensive display for both teams. Last year's game played in Memphis, Tennessee resulted in a 7-7 tie, with a blocked punt giving the Maroons their only touchdown. Frank Boydston, who is playing regular fullback for the Bears this year rammed over for Baylor's only score.

The Bears will be pitting an almost inter-sectional record against the Maroons Saturday, for in the two years that Coach Bob Woodruff has been at Baylor he has lost only one non-conference tilt, with one, last year's game with the Maroons resulting in a tie.

The game in Mississippi will start Baylor's rugged road schedule, which pits them against Texas Tech in Lubbock, Texas A&M in College Station, Texas University in Austin, SMU in Dallas, and Rice Institute in Houston.

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