

Steer-Sooner Clash Attraction of Week

By HAROLD V. RATLIFF

Dallas, Oct. 4—(AP)—The Texas-Oklahoma football game is the big attraction of the southwest this week. It also bears strong national implications because Oklahoma is rated in many quarters as tops in the country.

Texas is untested but in our opinion will give Oklahoma a most interesting afternoon. We would not be surprised to see the Longhorns win.

Of course, if they do it might upset present plans of the two schools for continuing the game in Dallas.

Back in 1947 when bottle throwing marred the proceedings and a lusty demand arose from Oklahoma to take the game away from Dallas and put it on home-and-home basis, the schools got together and decided that after 1953 the contest would be lost to this city.

But last year Oklahoma finally won a game after eight years and since then Dallas has looked much better to the Sooners. We learn from an authoritative source that the contract has been extended and probably will be made long-term.

That is, if Oklahoma wins again. Should the Sooners lose ex-students and followers of the team probably will put up a howl to make it home-and-home. But perhaps this time Oklahoma officials won't listen to them.

The Texas-Oklahoma game as a feature of the State Fair of Texas is a colorful and attractive event. Besides, Dallas has the only stadium in the southwest seating 75,000 fans. Teams can take a licking once a while with mobs like that paying to watch.

The Southwest Conference has a better than average share of top football teams. It may be the strongest in history as a whole. A look at the club rosters gives you a good idea why this is true.

Never before has the conference had so many three-year varsity lettermen—that is fellows seeking their fourth varsity letters. The war was the cause. Quite a few rules were suspended during the war—such as the freshman rule and participation as trainees not counting on eligibility. The freshman rule continued for several years after the war was over.

This is why Lindy Berry of Texas Christian, Bobby Folsom of Southern Methodist, Joe Watson of Rice, Doak Walker of Southern Methodist and a flock of others now are after their fourth varsity letters.

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Ben Brittain, center, of the Battalion staff, is shown as he presents Grady Elms, left, his prize for being one of the 11 winners in last week's Quarterback Club contest. At right is C. L. Atmar of The Parker-Astin Hardware Co., who donated the prize.

Aggies Ranked In 43rd Place By Williamson; Kentucky 1st

By RALPH GORMAN

The Aggies have again lost ground in Paul Williamson's Scientific Ratings this week, even after making a better than expected showing against Oklahoma, last week's second team of the nation.

The only fact saving chance in the Ag's statistical fall from thirty-eighth to a low forty-third is the fact that the Sooners are now rated as the fifth team instead of a very high second.

In the rating which indicates earned comparison of team strengths, the Aggies go unchanged and still retain the mark of 88.6, while the top team of this week's play is Kentucky with a rating of 99.1.

Villanova 10th
Another blow to the local gridiron aggregation is the fall of powerful Villanova from third to tenth spot in national football circles.

The Williamson rating had much effect on the SWC, as Texas University, rated last week as the No. 1 team, was dropped to the No. 3 spot following Kentucky and Army in that order.

By virtue of Arkansas' overwhelming defeat of last week's twenty-fifth team, the Razorbacks have experienced the greatest face-

Aggies Improving More Each Week
Unless you've seen the Aggies play all three of their 1949 football games, you may find trouble believing that Harry Stiteler's young club is improving with every week.

The sophomore Aggies haven't lost a 1949 game—except to a bowl champion (Oklahoma and Villanova). It's a good time to boast of that record, because LSU may break it this weekend. LSU, 14-7 conqueror of Rice, didn't play in a bowl game last January 1st.

No other member of the Southwest Conference has come close to taking an opposition as tough as that encountered by the Aggies. Oklahoma and Villanova are among the top eight teams in almost every rankings system which has been published.

Consider this comparison: At this point in 1948, the Aggies hadn't won a game and were recovering from 42-14 licking at the hands of Oklahoma. The Cadets couldn't score from scrimmage against the Sooners last year, counting once on a kickoff return and later on a pass interception.

Last week, both Aggie touchdowns were scored from scrimmage on drives of more than 50 yards. Most of the Aggie mistakes are being made on defense. But the Farmer sophs are learning with each new game.

After the Oklahoma game last week, OU Coach Bud Wilkinson praised the Cadets' refusal to quit and described them as a team that is going to be very tough later on this year. The Aggies hope to make Wilkinson's prediction come true.

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Bums, Bombers Clash in Bronx Series Opener

BY HAROLD GANN

Brooklyn's Dodgers and the New York Yankees will come to blows again tomorrow with the first game of the 1949 World Series in Yankee Stadium.

Every baseball fan remembers the series of 1941 when New York was the victor by four games to one.

No one has forgotten the blazing fracas of '47 when the Bombers and the Bums met in a series that some consider the most spine-tingling in baseball history. The Yankees won this one, four games to three, while the never say die Dodgers kept plugging away at the victory margin.

17 Stars Plentiful
There were several highly praised stars of the '47 World Series. Flatbush fans will always boast of little Cookie Lavagetto, Brooklyn third baseman, who came into the game to pinch-hit with the Dodgers trailing by one run.

Floyd Bevens was pitching a no hitter for the Yankees. Bomber fans breathed with every pitch. Lavagetto blasted a high one from Bevens against the left-field boards to drive in two runs, break up the ball game, and break Bevens' heart. Neither Lavagetto nor Bevens is in the major leagues today.

Remember Al Giofriddo? He was the little Dodger outfielder who ran a country mile to rob Joe DiMaggio of a homer, to rob the Yankees of the ball game, and to force the series to go into the seventh and final game. Giofriddo is now with Montreal and out of the majors.

Shea Sparkled
Remember the standout pitching of Spec Shea, top American League hurler in '47? He's still with the Yankees but will probably not see action because of a sore pitching arm. Shea had little to do with the Yankees success this year.

Everyone remembers Hugh Casey's relief pitching that enabled the Dodgers to win two of the '47 World Series games. Strange as it may seem, Casey has been traded across the river and, even stranger he is currently with the New York Yankees where he will receive very little action.

Remember Ernie Lombardi? He was the game little Dodger pitcher who boosted their chances of taking the highly coveted world crown. The Pittsburgh Pirates have Ernie in their boat now.

Many Stars Departed
With all of the previously mentioned stars out of the way, what kind of a world series will New York feature in '49? Well, you can bet your bottom dollar that it will be just as thrilling, just as impressive as any in history.

New stars will hit the limelight, and when the final game is played, the final out made, another Giofriddo, Lavagetto, Shea, Bevens, or Casey will be crowned. The sports world wonders if the newly crowned stars will bow out of the spot light as those of '47 did. Time will tell.

Speed Aided Dodgers
It was the Dodgers' superior speed on the base paths, and consistent hitting that put them in the World Series. Excellent pitching and power hitting dominated the Yanks' resources throughout the season. For this reason, the Bronx Boys enter the game as two to one favorites.

It was a Cinderella season for Manager Casey Stengel's boys. Although plagued with a stupendous number of injuries throughout the race, the Yankees remained miraculously in the first place position until Friday, September 30, when Villanova

The top teams in the ratings were ranked as follows:

Kentucky	99.1
Army	98.6
Texas	98.5
Michigan U.	98.2
Oklahoma	98.0
Tulane	97.8
Michigan St.	97.6
So. California U.	97.0
California	96.6
Villanova	96.3

Herschell Burgess, Local SW Official to Speak on Grid Rules

BY BILL POTTS

This week, the weekly Quarterback Club, held under the auspices of the Battalion, and sponsored by ten Bryan and College Station businesses, will take place Wednesday night at 7:30 instead of Thursday.

This was brought about by the freshman football game to be played Thursday night between the Aggie Fish and the Weatherford Junior College teams.

The meeting place is once more the Assembly Hall.

Again this week, the Quarterback Club program is featuring another speaker who is associated with Southwest Conference football teams.

Herschell Burgess, local football official who officiates in many Southwest Conference football games each fall, is to be the main speaker.

Speaks On Rule Changes
Burgess will speak on rule changes which have taken place since last season and other aspects of the officiating of games in which Southwest Conference teams play.

Another featured part of the program will be the awarding of prizes to the persons who guessed closest to the actual winners and scores in last Saturday's games in which Southwest Conference football teams participated.

To wind up this Wednesday's meeting of the Club, movies of the AQM-Oklahoma contest in Norman, Oklahoma, will be shown.

Two Perfect
Samir Shadid and Gariand M. Sluder were the only persons who picked every winner correctly in last week's contest and by doing so, they automatically became two of the 11 prize winners.

Two hundred and three persons entered last week, nearly a hundred more than entered the week before.

All but the two mentioned above missed guessing two or more of the winners in Saturday's games. (See BURGESS, Page 4)

Where did the Aggies find this boy Don Nicholas?

That's the question sports fans everywhere are asking since Nicholas made good in a big way after Head Coach Harry Stiteler pressed him into action as a surprise quarterback last week against Oklahoma.

Nicholas nicked the Oklahoma pass defense for 14 completions in 23 tries. His aerials were good for 156 yards gained; they set up both A&M touchdowns, and the Aggie newcomer had no interceptions.

Quite a record against one of the country's top college football teams. Perhaps almost phenomenal for a boy who never played college football before. He is still trying for his first college letter.

Although Nicholas is a senior, until last Saturday at Norman he hadn't played a total of 15 minutes of college football. He did not play a down in the Villanova or Texas Tech games and saw only limited service as the Cadets' third-string quarterback in 1948.

Most boys would have tired of riding the bench long ago and quit the game. Not Nicholas. He could have graduated last June, but he decided to give it one last try. Now he may become one of the top T-quarterbacks in the SWC before the season ends.

Nicholas grew up in Fort Worth, played high school football for the Mineral Wells Mountaineers, now calls San Antonio his home.

His life-long ambition was to play football for Texas A&M.

His dream almost failed to come through—but it did and the Aggies think he's great after his passing performance last week.

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Meyer to Protest Illegal Hog Tactics

Fort Worth, Tex., Oct. 4 (AP)—Coach Dutch Meyer of Texas Christian University bitterly condemned yesterday the way the Arkansas University Razorbacks played football. He is going to protest to the Southwest Conference.

"Someone has to do something in an effort to protect the players, so I'm going to do what I can," he said.

Arkansas beat TCU 27-7 in Saturday's conference game.

Meyer complained of elbowing by the Arkansas players and illegal use of hands.

"We've never had any similar experiences in games with other conference members," Meyer said, "but within the last three years in games with Arkansas we have suffered a broken jaw, a crushed cheekbone and numerous less serious injuries from elbow blows," he said.

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