

Guessing The Grid Winners



By FRANK ECKL

NEW YORK, Oct. 19 (AP)—Traditional rather than inter-sectional clashes have the spotlight as the football season reaches the half-way mark Saturday.

Although Notre Dame is idle while awaiting its game with Navy on Oct. 29 much of the interesting action appears to center in the Midwest where four Big 9 games are on tap.

Feature clash finds the heavy Minnesota line going against the crack Michigan eleven at Ann Arbor, Mich. We'll string along with the champion Wolverines.

Other Midwest conference games find Northwestern at Iowa, Wisconsin at Ohio State and Illinois at Purdue. We'll take Northwestern, Ohio State and Purdue.

The east has at least five interesting clashes, two being played upstate New York, two in New England and one in Philadelphia. Columbia goes to West Point to get a sample of the rugged Army eleven, Princeton's Tiger figures to get its fall twisted in the Cornell game at Ithaca, Dartmouth meets Harvard at Cambridge, Mass., Holy Cross travels to the Yale Bowl at New Haven, Conn., and Navy takes on Penn in Franklin Field.

The south is studded with many traditional clashes with Duke, Georgia Tech, Tulane and Wake Forest expected to be among the victors. Selections by sections follow:

EAST
Army to rout Columbia.
Navy to surprise Penn.
Villanova to crush Duquesne.

MIDWEST
Purdue over Illinois.
Missouri easy over Iowa State.
Michigan to edge Minnesota.
Oklahoma to crush Nebraska.

SOUTH
SMU easy over Kentucky.
North Carolina to halt LSU.
Mississippi over TCU.
Vanderbilt to crush Arkansas.

SOUTHWEST
Baylor to nip Texas Aggies.
Texas to crush Rice.

TEXAS TECH
Texas Tech to beat Arizona.

ROCKY MOUNTAIN
Colorado U. to beat Utah State.
Denver to nip Brigham Young.

FAR WEST
California to trim Washington.
Southern Cal to halt Oregon.
UCLA to trim Washington State.

Clyde La Motte To Speak At QB Club Meet at 7:30 Tonight

Baylor, Texas Placed in Top Ten by Wm'son

BY FRANK SIMMEN, JR

Two of the seven Southwest Conference football teams are ranked by Paul Williamson in his weekly ratings, as being in the top ten in the nation. The two teams are Texas and Baylor with the rest of the SW conference teams following slowly down the line.

A&M although dropping its game to TCU, moved up from the sixty-eighth spot to the sixty-second position. TCU grabbed number 44, a five point advantage over last week.

TU, although dropping from the sixth to the seventh spot still leads the conference in ratings with Baylor right behind in eighth place.

Baylor, which smothered Texas Tech, still remains the only undefeated team in the Southwest conference. The Bears have beaten South Carolina, Mississippi State, and Arkansas to go into the number one spot along with Rice as far as conference standings stand at the present.

Owls 24th
The Owls, although losing one game to LSU in Baton Rouge are ranked in the twenty-fourth spot. Rice ran up the largest score in the history of the Cotton Bowl this weekend when they soundly trounced the Mustangs of SMU by a score of 41 to 27.

This was the first conference loss for the Mustangs since 1946 when Arkansas outscored them in Fayetteville. They are now only three jumps from Rice in the table.

Notre Dame emerges as the nation's number one team after swamping Tulane who was ranked fourth last week. The Irish came up from the number ten slot, and Kentucky, who was first last week dropped to fifth position.

Army holds down the number two spot in Williamson's ratings. The Cadets were in the second spot last week and kept it by virtue of a 54 to 14 victory over hapless Harvard.

Oklahoma 4th
Oklahoma, ranked in the number three spot last week is now in fourth place. The Sooners starved off a late Kansas attack and went on to win and hold down the favorite spot in the Big Seven race.

Probably the biggest upset of the nation took place in Evanston Illinois where Northwestern barely outscored a favored Michigan team to win by one point. Michigan, at present maintains the eighteenth spot with Northwestern ranked in fourteenth place.

Minnesota, for mauling mighty Ohio State 27 to 0, moved from number seven to number three spot in the rating.

North Carolina and Pittsburgh rounded out the top ten with both teams soundly topping their opponents.

Illinois, by virtue of a 27-20 loss to Missouri moved up in the national ratings along with Missouri who jumped to the thirty-first spot.

Williamson's ratings were a little more accurate this week, despite the predicted victory of Tulane over Notre Dame. The system now maintains an average of 80.9 with a weekly average of 84.0.

The ten top teams in order include:

1. Notre Dame 99.9
2. Army 99.3
3. Minnesota 99.0
4. Oklahoma 98.4
5. Kentucky 97.8
6. California 97.1
7. Texas 96.1
8. Baylor 94.1
9. North Carolina 94.0
10. Pittsburgh 93.9

The Quarterback Club will meet for the fifth time this semester tonight in the Assembly Hall at 7:30 with Clyde La Motte, sports editor of The Houston Post, as featured speaker.

Another part of the program tonight will be the showing of color movies of last fall's A&M-Texas game in Austin.

To round out the program, prizes will be awarded to 11 winners in last week's contest.

La Motte, promoted to the sports editor's position on The Post at the beginning of the Fall, has been a member of The Post news staff since 1941. He was assistant city editor at the time of his promotion.

He was sports editor of The Daily Texan in 1939-40 and was a member of the sports and news staff of the Austin Tribune for more than a year before going to Houston.

He has a brother, Dr. Charles La Motte, professor in the biology department.

Winners in last week's guessing contest are required to be present at tonight's meeting in order to receive prizes. If any winners are absent, their prizes will be awarded to the persons who turned in the next best guesses.

This week's winners are: Mrs. A. J. Otte, Bob 5368, College Station; C. R. Pannil, Box 1152, College Station; Warren O. Albrech, Box 2727, College Station; Mrs. F. E. Allison, Box 2767, College Station; Curtis Hayes, Jr., Apt. C-21-X, College View; Mrs. Grady Elms, 218 Lubbock, College Station; Dorothy Keeling, Box 4358, College Station; William G. Adkins, Box 4471, College Station; Mrs. W. S. Von Heeder, Box 2586, College Station; James H. Carrell, Box 1168, College Station; and J. Horace Bass, History Dept. A&M College.

The guessing contest continues this week with the sponsors again offering 11 free prizes for the best guesses on the outcome of games in which Southwest Conference teams play next Saturday.

The sponsors who donate the prizes are:

Travis E. Bryan of the First National Bank, J. C. Hotard of Hotard's Cafeteria, C. E. Gries-

Bob Smith Drops To 2nd in Yards Gained

Robert Smith of A&M was edged out this week by Leon "Muscles" Campbell of Arkansas for the top spot as the leading ball carrier in the Southwest Conference. Smith, who has an average of 4.6 yards per carry, trailed Campbell by only 39 yards. Campbell has a net gain of 384 yards.

In the punting department, Yale Lary of A&M kicked twelve times in the TCU game for an average of 38 yards. This bettered his average in the LSU game, and it also increased his punting average for the year to 36.9 yards. Lary has punted 42 times for a total of 1551 yards.

Adrian Burk of Baylor, who punted four times against Texas Tech, was the leading punter of the week, with an average of 49.5 yards. Doak Walker of SMU took the lead in the punting division this week, as he kicked twice for an average 42.2 yards, which raised his average of 38.6 yards for the year.

Charley Royalty grabbed the ninth slot on the leading punt return list as he averaged 12.6 yards in three runbacks. Dan Wilde of TCU led the list with an average of 23.3 yards. Wilde has an

average of 25.2 yards for the entire season.

Don Nicholas held the same spot this week as he did last week to continue to be one of the leading passers in the conference. Nicholas has completed twenty out of forty passes for a total of 230 yards. Lindy Berry of the Frogs has completed 62 of 114 passes for a net total of 825 yards. Paul Campbell of Texas trails Berry by only 68 yards.

Smith dropped from third place in the scoring department to sixth place as he failed to score in last week's contest. Froggie Williams of Rice jumped into third place, as he scored seven points against the Mustangs last week in the Cotton Bowl. Randall Clay of Texas continues to be high point man with 54 points.

LINEMAN OF THE WEEK



JIMMY FLOWERS

Lineman of the Week for the second consecutive time is Jim Flowers.

The Highland Park native took the victor's spot in the opinion of members of The Battalion sports staff for his play in the TCU tilt. Although the Aggie line still fails to live up to expectations—hopes, perhaps—a few individual performers usually look capable enough against the Cadet opposition.

Possibly the top play of the game from the viewpoint of Ag supporters was Flower's interception of a Horned Frog pass near the end of the first half. "Half-back" Flowers took the pigskin on the run and stormed up field to within the Christians' 25-yard line.

However, his feat was nullified as the Maroons failed to get a single play started from scrimmage before the gun sounded to end the first half. The roar of approval that had followed Jim as he moved upfield with the burglarized pass was a tribute to his head's up play

What Makes the T Tick ...

Split T Spreads the Defense; The Quarterback Is 'Slider'

BY JIM BECKNER

(Editor's note: This is second of a story series on football's T formation. The regular T was covered in the first story.)

New York, Oct. 19 (AP)—The "Split T" offensive formation is the newest and, because of the great success of some of the teams using it, the fastest growing of the Basic T variations.

It was devised by Don Faour of Missouri and adopted by Bud Wilkinson of Oklahoma, whose teams have been very powerful with it.

There are two basic differences between the split and regular T. First, the linemen are spaced farther apart. There is a foot between guards and tackles and the ends are another yard out. "The fundamental purpose of the split is to spread the defense," says Wilkinson. "If the defending linemen refuse to spread to meet the split we have an angle to block them inside and run around them."

Second important difference is that the quarterback is a slider rather than a "spinner." In the regular T, the quarterback takes the ball under the center and performs most of his maneuvers from that spot. In the split T, the quarterback "slides" along the line of scrimmage to a spot behind his tackle and does the handing off from there.

Teams run much more from the split T than from the regular set-up. The quarterback, when he finds that the defensive end is not coming in to meet him, can slip through the hole and run. If the end does charge, the quarterback can pitch out to a trailing back.

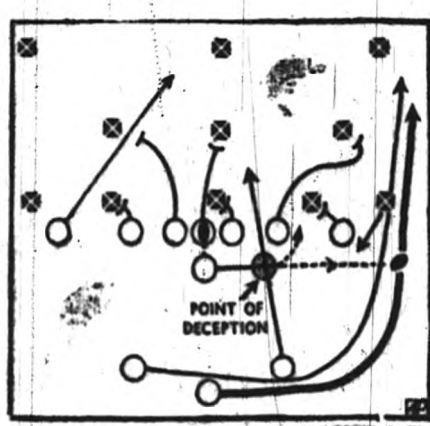
The fact that so many of the plays are optional after the ball is snapped caused an odd situation at Oklahoma last year. The Sooners piled up an amazing amount of yardage on the ground in 1948, and also set a collegiate record for fumbles.

Passing, of course, is not neglected in the split T. The split spreads the defensive line, which means it must be supported by ad-

ditional backers-up. The obvious result of this is that the secondary is undermanned against passes. Wilkinson maintains that as long as less than nine men are employed in stopping his running attack, it will go. "When the opposing team employs a seven man line with two line backers, or a six-three we can resort to the rapid fire passes possible with any T formation." The splitting of the line also makes it easier to run in deep enemy territory.

Wilkinson considers one of the strongest assets of his offenses the fact that his blockers need not move the defenders, as in the tight T, but merely must keep them where they are. "The holes are there because your alignment made them. That's how you get yardage."

Next: Winged T.



Note the wide spacing of the line. In this split T play the quarterback takes the ball from center and slides along the line to the "point of deception" behind the tackle. Here he fakes a handoff to the right halfback and continues on. If opposing end comes to meet him he pitches out to fullback or left half; if end hangs back he runs through hole.

Football Starts; Quartermaster Strong Again

The Air Force showed its fangs on the Intramural basketball courts Monday with two of its teams romping over hapless opponents. Jerry Martiniens led A Flight to a 16-3 victory over A Signal Company, while E Flight was running over A Vets 22-3.

One other Flight won by close margin over B Vets 7-5. Although little scoring was done, Kinsey Hallmark for G Flight and Johansen for the Vets showed nice ball handling and the ability to score as they paced their respective teams.

A TC was downed by B Composite 18-8 with the help of stellar play by Gerald Davis and Kenneth Baker. The once victorious B Quartermaster five won again by downing D Flight but lacked the class and spark shown in their previous game.

Charles Pealor led a strong E Field team to a hard 13-8 win (See FOOTBALL, Page 6)

Gibson to Attend Colleges' Meeting

Director G. G. Gibson of the Texas Extension Service leaves Wednesday for Kansas City, Missouri, to attend the annual meeting of the Association of Land-Grant Colleges and Universities.

Just prior to the association meeting, he will attend a meeting where present day reclamation problems will be discussed. The extension directors from the Southern states will hold a meeting sometime during the week to discuss mutual problems. Gibson will represent the Texas Extension Service at these meetings.

He is expected to return to the campus on October 28.

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MURAL NEWS

From now on, all hide-out plays in Intramural Flag Football are illegal. The reason for this ruling is the crowding on the side lines by the spectators making it impossible to distinguish between player and spectator.

If some team calls a hide-out play, they will be penalized 15 yards for unsportsman-like conduct. All teams take notice of this new ruling and avoid the question on the field.

In case of any injuries on the field of play, notify the intramural manager immediately and if necessary report to the trainer or hospital. Intramurals are intended for the amateur and will have to be stopped if the injuries do not decrease.

SCHEDULES FOR WEDNESDAY

Team vs Team	Courts	Time
C FA vs A CWC	1	5:15
F AF vs B INF	2	"
E FA vs C VET	3	"
E INF vs A AF	4	"

TENNIS—Military

Team vs Team	Courts	Time
A QMC vs A CAV	1,2,3	5:10
B AF vs A ASA	4,5,6	"
C AF vs A ORD	7,8,9	"
K AF vs D AF	10,11,12	"
A INF vs D FA	13,14,15	"
C INF vs A TC	16,17,18	"

FOOTBALL—Military

Team vs Team	Courts	Time
A SIG vs B TC	1	5:10
B QMC vs B CA	2	"
H AF vs B COMP	3	"
A FA vs B CAV	4	"
E AF vs E VET	5	"

HORSESHOES—Military

Team vs Team	Courts	Time
D VET vs B ATH	1,2,3	5:10
B VET vs A COMP	4,5,6	"
A VET vs A CA	7,8,9	"
B FA vs SR CG	10,11,12	"
C VET vs G AF	13,14,15	"

SCHEDULE FOR THURSDAY

Team vs Team	Courts	Time
Miller Leggett	3	5:15
Purvey Mitchell	4	"
Waco Spanish	1	"
A. Eng. Business	2	"

TENNIS—Non-Military

Team vs Team	Courts	Time
Law	16	1,2,3 5:10
Walton	15	4,5,6

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