

SWC Elevens Vie For Top 10 Listing

New York, Oct. 20 (AP).—Rice, Texas and Baylor moved Tuesday into the ninth, tenth and eleventh nationwide rankings of major football teams.

SMU, beaten by Rice, plunged from tenth to seventeenth. TCU picked up three points. Rice had 166, Texas 136, Baylor 129 and SMU 42.

Rice, beaten by LSU, plays Tex-

as this week end. Texas has lost only to Oklahoma, fourth-ranking team with 1,171 points and six first-place picks.

Baylor perched in the number 11 spot and boasting an undefeated record this season, meets the four-times defeated Texas Aggies on Kyle Field. The Bears have out-pointed South Carolina, Mississippi State, Arkansas, and Texas Tech this season.

Notre Dame was perched high atop the list with 1,745 points on the basis of 146 first-place picks by the nation's sport writers in the Associated Press weekly poll.

Notre Dame sits it out this week. Other members of the first ten face muscular foes who should give the rankings another vigorous shuffle.

Sports writers and broadcasters participating in the Associated Press' weekly poll were so impressed by this show of might that they gave the Irish a walloping vote.

Gophers Hurdle Sooners

Notre Dame received 146 of 179 first-place votes and a 200-point lead over Army, which hung on to second place, with Minnesota hurdling Oklahoma to take third.

Finishing out the top ten, in order, are: Oklahoma, California, North Carolina, Kentucky, Cornell, Rice and Texas.

Three newcomers are Cornell, Rice and Texas. They shoved out Michigan, the mythical national champion, Tulane and Southern Methodist, the most distinguished upset victims.

Michigan, beaten by Northwest-ern for its second defeat in a row, dropped to twelfth. Tulane fell from fourth to twentieth. SMU, subbed by Rice, plummeted from tenth to seventeenth.

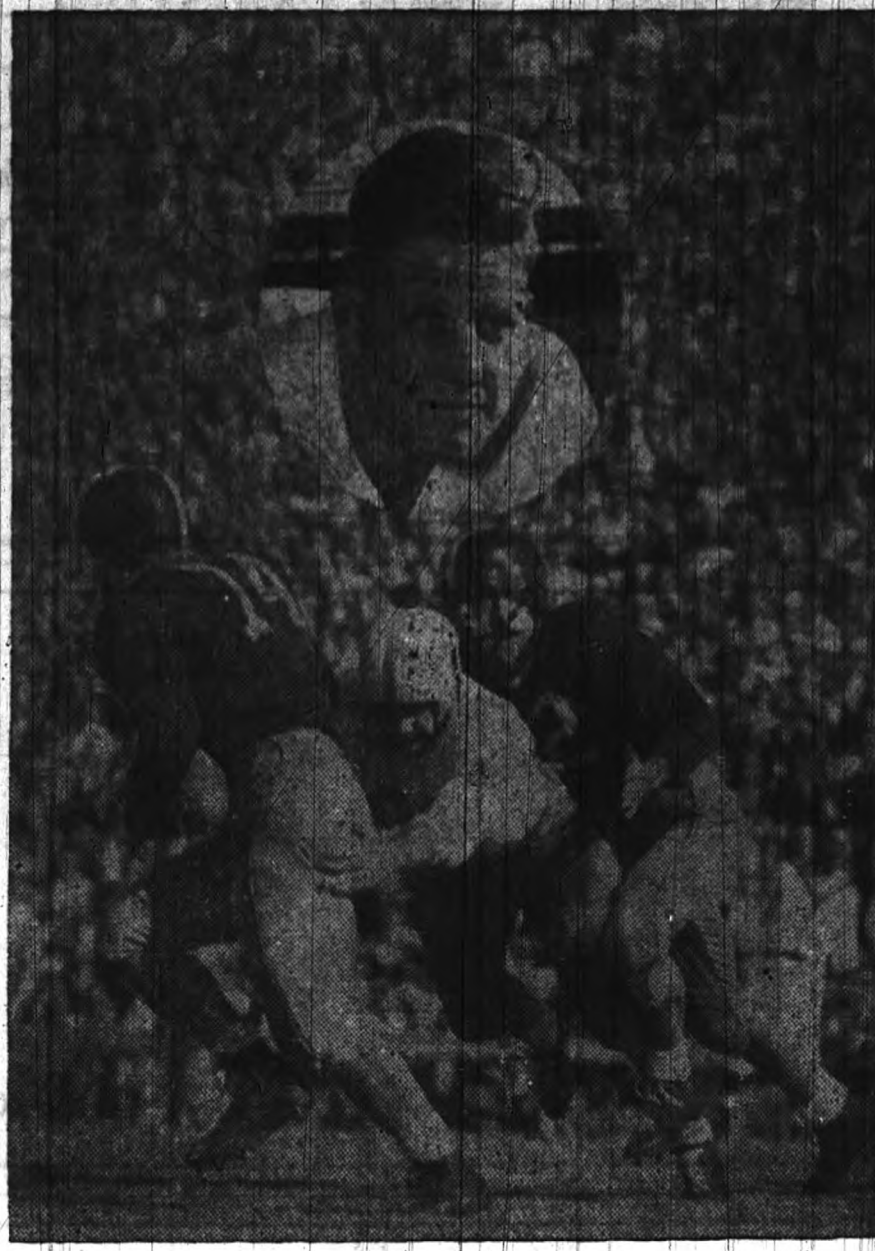
Notre Dame is idle Saturday, enjoying an open date before its Oct. 29 engagement with Navy at Baltimore. The South Benders' main challengers for national honors will all be busy—Minnesota, Kentucky, Texas and Rice perhaps busier than the rest.

Rice, Texas Clash

Rice, No. 9, and Texas, No. 10, clash at Austin in the only game involving two members of the top ten. Minnesota, No. 3, plays Michigan, and Kentucky, No. 7, meets SMU, on the rebound.

Army figures to have little trouble with Columbia. Oklahoma, No. 4, goes against Nebraska. California, No. 5, plays a Washington team that has lost three in a row. North Carolina, No. 6, meets Louisiana State. Cornell, No. 8, opposes Princeton.

Notre Dame polled 1,745 votes (See SWC, Page 4)



Last night's Quarterback Club audience saw this action in the color film of the 1948 A&M-TU deadlock. Jim "Halfback" Flowers (74) is shown running back an intercepted pass against the Steers as defensive half Dick Callendar (82) attempts to prevent a Bovine end from halting Flower's progress. Flowers, who won Lineman of the Week honors for his performance against the TCU Froggies, is shown in the inset.

Injury-ridden Fish Face Strong TCU Wogs at 7:30 on Kyle Field

BY FRED BUXTON

Non-Corps Tilts Feature Murals

Non-military athletics continued Tuesday with three tennis games and four basketball matches.

On the tennis courts, Dorm 16 blanked a slow team from Mitchell 3-0 with J. A. Thompson and Jack Dempsey outstanding in the contests.

The other two tennis games were forfeits.

TCVV took an easy hardcourt win over Law, 16-18, despite the outstanding play of big Leland Tate who scored six of the Law points. Sonny Pigoff of the winners was high point man of the match with eight points. The first half was very close, but during the third quarter TCVV iced the game with three quick goals.

Sam Liberto led an outnamed Dorm 15 team in a losing effort against Dorm 14 as the 14'ers took the decision, 24-12. Keptra and Meadows led the victors and tied for high point honors.

In the opening day of club competition, the two high scoring games between Entomology and Rio Grande and between Hillel and Fish and Game were the outstanding matches of the day.

Rio Grande, led by tricky Jack England, downed the Entomology five, 23-17. England shared high point honors with Vitek of the losers; with each had seven points.

Fish and Game overtopped the Hillel club and defeated them, 19-12. Outstanding player of the Fish and Game team.

When the Aggie Fish tangle with the TCU Wogs at 7:30 tonight on Kyle Field, the clash will have the appearance of an assault by a wheelchair brigade so far as the Fish are concerned.

As a result of the game with the Baylor freshmen plus some hard scrimmage this week, the Fish team is injury ridden to an alarming degree. A number of the key players on Coach Pugh's team are sidelined, and several may see no more action the remainder of the season.

Ray Graves again is a doubtful player, as is Bob Dixon, tackle. Marshall Rush, starting guard, received a head injury in the Baylor tilt and may be out for the remainder of the season. Harvey Smith, another tackle out with a leg injury is lost for the season. Ken Reese, defensive standout, will also be missing.

On the brighter side of the picture is the smoothness that the backs have been showing in late practice sessions against the varsity reserves. With some of the bugs worked out of their attack

and some early season wilderness overcome, the Fish can field a potent team.

A great deal of work has been done to improve the inefficient offensive blocking seen last week; and this alone, if corrected, should mean several touchdowns to the Fish. Some shifting has been done in the backfield to increase its overall power.

A surprise move, one that should please the fans is the shift of Darrow Hooper, quarterback, to the righthalf slot. Hooper is fast and is an excellent passer. This move may give the Fish a terrific offensive advantage; with two top-notch cadet passers in at the same time, the defense may not be able to defend against sweeps and at the same time cover all the downfield men in event that Hooper should stop and pass.

As a result of the move, the starting backfield should read as follows: Carl Menger, quarter, Darrow Hooper, right half, Ray Haas, left half; and Walt Hill, full. If Hill is used to any great extent on defense, as he was in the Baylor game, Herb McJunkin will see a lot of action as offensive

full. Starter Charlie Saxe will be in at one end post. At the opposite post will be Roy Bush. Dick Gracey and Tom Wright will probably be the starting guards. Two stalwarts, Jack Little and Al Langford, will man the tackle posts, and Cooper Robbins will be the offensive starting center.

TCU in defeating the strong Baylor freshman sounded a warning to all the schools in the freshman league. It is understood that the Wogs have an excellent line and are deep in reserves at end and tackle.

Though coached by Walter Roach, the TCU frosh are close enough to "the Dutchman" to be exposed to some of his wily strategy, and it will be surprising indeed if they do not mix some of the many variations of the spread with their regular single and double wing formations.

The weather man promises that the night will be cool and that there will be no rain. This timely prediction, plus two good freshman teams should be enough incentive to lure a large and enthusiastic crowd to the contest.

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Check List . . .

Trio of Ags, Dallas Stars Top Ballots

By CHUCK CABANISS

All-Conference nominees have increased at a rapid rate after last Saturday's games. Although only three Aggies were nominated by The Battalion, in contrast the thrilling Rice-SMU fray produced a total of 17 players who were given the nod by either Howard Martin of The Rice Thresher or Ben Peeler of The SMU Campus.

Maroon players named in the fifth week polling were halfback Bobby Goff, center Jim Flowers, and named for the TCU clash guard Carl Molberg. Goff carried the heavy load on the ground as the Froggies managed to slow down "Rapid Robert" Smith, the Aggie fullback who had sparked the local attack in previous games.

Flowers for the second straight week turned in the top defensive performance in the Farmer line and Molberg, half of the "watch charm" guard combination for the Cadets, also looked capable in his slot.

Owls Dominate Lists

Ben Peeler of the SMU school paper was as impressed by the Rice eleven as was the Mustang team. He named ten of the Feathered Flock on his weekly ballot. Included were halfbacks Van Ballard and Gordon Wyatt, fullback Bob Lantrip, quarterback Tobin Rote, three centers, Gerald Weatherly, Joe Watson, and Lee Stone-street, guards S. J. Roberts and Carl Schwarz, and end Parnes Williams.

From his won eleven Peeler listed: Doak Walker, quarterback; Fred Benners, quarterback; and John Champion, halfback.

Martin of the Thresher included Ponies Walker and Champion, but dropped Benners in favor of guard Jack Halliday, on his ballot. Owls (See CHECK LIST, Page 4)

Fish-Shorthorn Plans Given By Shriner Group

Plans for the annual A&M-Texas freshman game are being developed at the present, according to G. W. Schesselman, head of the geography department. Schesselman is a member of the Brazos Valley Shrine Club which is joint sponsor of the classic with the Ben Hur Temple of Austin.

Schesselman explained the general set-up of the program behind the annual affair in a telephone conversation yesterday. The two Shriner organizations undertook the project of sponsoring the game in 1947, the first year that freshman teams competed after the war.

Proceeds from the affair are all placed in a fund to build a crippled children's hospital in Austin, the A&M professor added. Although the hospital has not been built yet, the organization of the project is active, he said.

At the present time the Brazos Valley group sponsors a local clinic each spring. Schesselman stated and those children who can be aided medically, but need financial assistance, are cared for by the club. In 1949 the clinic checked 177 children and 11 were sent to various hospitals, he reported.

Of these 11, 5 went to Austin where they were treated free of charge at facilities maintained by the Shriners in the wing of the present hospital, the geography head explained. Schesselman added that the building fund derived from the proceeds of the A&M-Texas tilt will be used to construct a new hospital to replace the inadequate facilities in the hospital wing now used.

Last year some \$8,000 was realized from the Shorthorn invasion of Kyle Field.



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