



Roundin' It Up

BY CHUCK CABANISS

A glance at the AP wire coming in Saturday night brought a wry grimace to our face—the tidbit that caused the expression was from Cambridge, Massachusetts. Quote: "Another sorrowful page in Harvard's 75-year-old football history was written today as the Dartmouth Indians gained a 27-13 victory before a 30,000 crowd. It marked the first time Harvard ever lost five consecutive games." Boy! those fellows don't know what a losing streak is!

As the scores of games from all over the nation clicked off the machine, one could fairly see the prostrate alumni of such schools as Kentucky, North Carolina, Minnesota, Northwestern, and Pittsburgh, all of whom suffered upset-defeats during the course of the day. We might add the names of the 'Sips to this list since they felt that the Steers would down Rice and were even abetted in this notion by several notable Southwestern sports columnists.

Two conclusions can be drawn from Saturday's games (or so it appears in this corner); (1) the Southwest Conference may yet make a determined bid for equal rating with the Big Ten on the basis of '49 football play and (2) A&M plays some of the strongest teams in the nation.

Will SWC Receive Recognition in '49?

The first statement comes on the heels of the usual "up-East" comments that as always the Midwest is football's top section. Well, the last of the Big Ten's undefeated eleven succumbed when ponderous Minnesota fell before Michigan, 14-0.

The October 19 AP Poll listed the Gophers third nationally—the only representative of America's "big" conference chosen among the top ten teams. Next in line was Michigan down in the twelfth spot.

Yet the Southwest Conference placed Rice (9) and Texas (10) in the select group with Baylor (11) and SMU (17) not too far back.

This week's poll could very well show the Owls and the Ponies within the top half dozen teams with Baylor and Texas threatening to enter the top ten, too.

The strength of the Aggie schedule is further proven each week as Oklahoma continues undefeated. Villanova impresses despite an upset loss to weak Tulsa, and TCU lowers the boom on intersectional foes. Latest confirmation came Saturday as LSU knocked Charlie Justice-led North Carolina from the undefeated class and probably from the top ten nationally; a spot the Tarheels have held for a couple years now.

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Aggie Cross Country Runners Defeat Sooners Saturday, 27-28

A&M's cross country harriers nipped the Oklahoma Sooners 27-28 Saturday in a two mile race over the Houston highway.

Top Cadet was Julian Herring who finished second with a time of 9:52 for the course. The winner was Jacobs of OU who did the race in 9:48. Jacobs is the son

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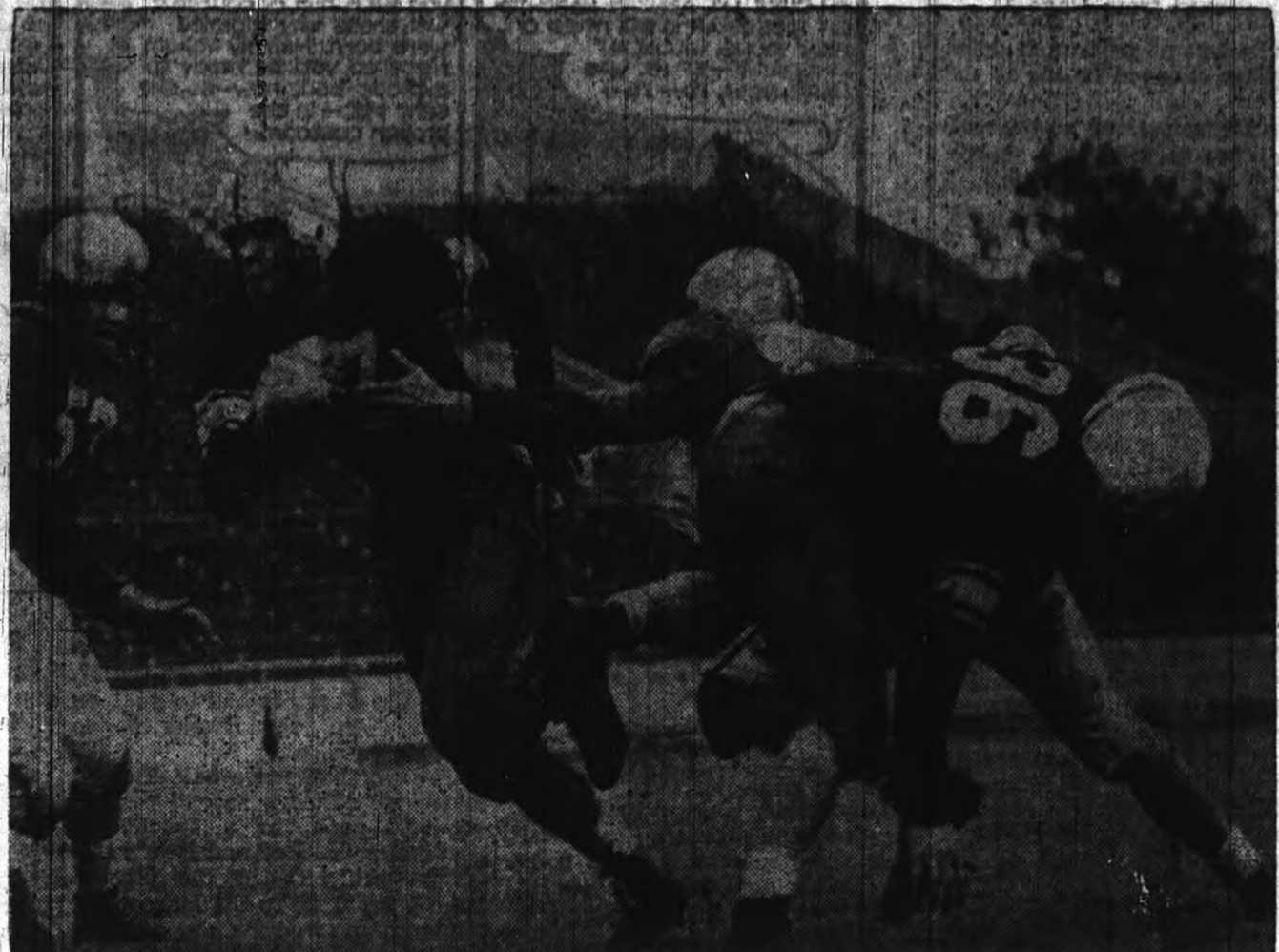
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Don Nicholas, Aggie quarterback, picked up four yards on this crack over his own left tackle. The Farmers ran from the split T at the beginning of the Baylor contest while Nicholas

was guiding the offense. Bob Smith (36), Cadet fullback who is the conference's leading rusher, threw a key block to take the Bruin out of the play.

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Wildcats Fall, 20-7, Before Mustangs

Dallas, Oct. 24 (AP)—Southern Methodist kicked Kentucky in the middle of its national ranking Saturday, knocking down the seventh-ranked Southern team 20-7 on the smashing runs of Kyle Rote and the thread-needle passing of sophomore Fred Benners.

Playing without the great Doak Walker who heard about the game from his hospital bed where he is recuperating from an influenza attack, the Methodists stormed from behind and won going away. As the game ended, SMU was on the Kentucky seven-yard line with three downs to go for a touchdown.

"It was the first game for the Doaker to miss in his college career and his absence had been instrumental in Kentucky being made a seven-point favorite.

Game Close

The score does not adequately show how close the game really was. Until the last five minutes Kentucky was in the ball game. A gamble on the fourth down by the Methodists was a deciding factor.

Knowing the power of the Wildcats was too much for them, the Ponies realized they had to keep the ball. It was fourth down on the Methodist 35-yard line and four inches to go for a first. The Methodists gambled and McKisack rammed right tackle for the first down.

Kentucky got the ball just once more after that and lost it on a fumble on its 31-yard line.

The play of Bobby Folsom, Southern Methodist end, was a

most important part of the victory. He intercepted one pass, prevented a touchdown when he ran Dom Fucci out on the Methodist 12-yard line when it appeared the latter was loose and batted an apparent touchdown pass out of the hands of Wilbur Jameson, Kentucky halfback, down on the Methodist six-yard line.

Penalties Hurt

Penalties hurt Kentucky badly. One, for off-side, called back a 68-yard touchdown run by Emery Clark and another halted a determined Wildcat swing deep into Methodist territory.

Southern Methodist had the edge in the statistics, romping 206 yards on the ground and 125 in the air to 98 rushing and 175 throwing by Kentucky.

Rote ground out 91 yards whamming the bulky Wildcat line as the game's top ball-carrier. In passing, Benners connected on six for 101 yards while Vito Parilli, the Kentucky wonder passing man, lived up to all expectations. He threw 24 and completed 12 for 175 yards.

Ponies Tally

The Methodists scored first, roaring 65 yards for a touchdown on a drive that paid off just as the second period opened. Bill Sullivan missed the conversion.

That just made the Wildcats wild. After Lee Truman had returned to his own 40-yard line, Kentucky snorted and pranced to a touchdown in eight plays. The payoff was a 26-yard pass into the end zone by Parilli to Fucci. Bob Brooks planted the ball between the goal posts and Kentucky led 7-6.

But as soon as the Methodists got the ball in the third quarter they paraded 88 yards to another score. It was made from the seven-yard line by the powerful Rote who hammered the Wildcat wall just twice for the touchdown. Fote converted.

The last Methodist score was on an 84-yard surge midway of the fourth period. Benners boomed a long pass from the Kentucky 40-yard line and down on the one H. N. Russell, son of Southern Methodist's backfield coach, made a diving catch, rolling over the goal line with ball. Rote again converted.

Owls Maintain League Lead, Top Steers, 17-15

Horned Frogs' Aerials Defeat Ole Miss, 33-27

Fort Worth, Tex., Oct. 24 (AP)—Texas Christian University nosed out Mississippi, 33-27, Saturday night in a wild offensive struggle.

The spectacular parade of touchdowns started 45 seconds after the game opened when Billy Mustin raced 59 yards for a Mississippi score. It ended shortly after the fourth quarter began when Lindy Berry passed 23 yards to John Morton for Texas Christian's game-winning tally.

In between, the teams traded touchdowns in a wild disregard for defense. Mississippi picked up another touchdown in the first period, and scored in the second and third periods.

Texas Christian, rammed over one first quarter tally, two in the second and one in the third.

Don Blanchard kicked three extra points for Mississippi and Homer Ludiker booted three for Texas Christian.

'Ole Miss Scores

Mustin's long jaunt came on the second play of the game, minutes later Texas Christian had its first tally, Wilde, passing to Morris Bailey for 37 yards to climax a four-play, 66-yard drive.

Before the period ended, ole Miss had scored again on Dottley's three-yard line plunge. Then the Rebels built their margin to 20-6 when Byrd scampered 27 yards to complete a 65-yard march.

Berry opened up in a hurry after this, pitching in the manner that after tonight's game gave him 1,032 yards gained in six football games.

Berry Sparked Drive

He sparked a 70-yard drive and ended it with a three-yard payoff pitch to Bailey. His passes set up the next score and Morton did the honors from the one yard line.

Texas Christian jumped ahead briefly in the third quarter when Berry passed 11 yards to Wilde. But the first play after the kickoff followed this tally, Dottley broke loose on a 68-yard scoring sprint behind a wave of Rebel blockers.

It was a question of pass defense for Mississippi, then, and the Rebels didn't have one good enough to stop the Horned Frogs' final drive.



Dick Callendar, 170-pound defensive halfback, has returned to the position he played in '48. His performance was one of the few bright spots in the losing contest with the Bears as the hard-hitting toughie time-after-time stopped the Baptist backs.

Upsets the Rule Saturday; Ags Are Exception

New York, Oct. 24 (AP)—College football provided more surprises Saturday than a Christmas grab bag.

Michigan, beaten on successive Saturdays by Army and Northwestern, battered ponderous Minnesota from the big ten top, 14 to 7. Southern Methodist, with Doak Walker in the hospital, pushed Kentucky out of the unbeaten lists, 20 to 7.

Illinois defeated Purdue, 19 to 0, for the first time in 30 years of trying and Wyoming downed Utah, 18 to 0.

Froggie Williams, last week's Associated Press lineman of the week, kicked a difficult field goal to give Rice a 17 to 15 edge over Texas. Arkansas edged Vanderbilt by a single point, 7 to 6, and Iowa subdued Northwestern's Rose Bowl champions, 28 to 21.

Kansas About Faces

Indiana's sophomores completely befuddled Pittsburgh, another previously unbeaten club, 48 to 14, and little Memphis State shipped down Kansas State, 21 to 14. In turn, Kansas stopped Oklahoma A. & M., 55 to 14.

Every one of those results is a gilt-edged upset.

But there were other unusual features, too. Army massacred Columbia, 63 to 6, and Cornell had to hustle all the way to whip Princeton, 14 to 12, in defense of its Ivy League leadership.

Connecticut's 125 to 0 verdict over Newport Naval Station was another surprise, the sailors being an 11-point favorite as the teams took the field. And then there was West Virginia State's 2 to 0 triumph over St. Augustine.

Illini Top Big Ten

The Illinois and Michigan victories pushed Illini to the top of the Big Ten standings, a circuit in which Ohio State came back from its licking of a week ago to defeat Wisconsin, 21 to 0.

Oklahoma and Missouri continued the buildup for their own big seven meeting later this season by downing rival title threats. Missouri shoved Iowa State aside, 32 to 0, for the Cyclone's first defeat and Oklahoma, held in check for a time, finally bettered Nebraska, 48 to 0.

Austin, Oct. 24 (AP)—

Only ten seconds were left Saturday when Froggie Williams, Rice's potential All-American end, kicked a 17-yard field goal to bring his Owls to a 17-to-15 victory over the Texas Longhorns here in Memorial Stadium.

It was a brilliant, chilling finish to a wild game. Rice had to swiggle back from what seemed sure defeat. The Owls were behind; 14 to 15, when they began an 80-yard drive which culminated in the 3-point boot by Williams.

There was still time for a play or two after the deciding place kick and on the last play of the game Ben Tompkins of Texas attempted a field goal from his own 46-yard line, but the ball barely got halfway to its destination.

Steers Top Statistics

The Longhorns had eighteen first downs to Rice's thirteen, gained 236 yards rushing to Rice's 148 and made 136 yards passing to Rice's modest 53.

But once the Owls made their half-time resolutions, under the urging of Coach Jess Neely, they were irresistible.

Randall Clay, superb Texas halfback, was the leading ground-gainer of the day with 95 yards, followed by his teammate, Townsend, with 61.

The Longhorns missed five good opportunities to score. They had the ball twice in the first period on the Owl 16-yard line. Also in the first, they drove forty-eight yards to the Rice two. In the second they got to the three on a 701-yard drive but were stopped, principally by big Watson, the Rice center. And in the fourth, they moved sixty-two yards to the Rice twelve.

Rice had only one touchdown shot on which it failed to capitalize. It proceeded to the Longhorn 1-yard line early in the fourth quarter after Watson intercepted a pass but its running game ran out of gas.

Texas Opens Scoring

Texas began the game as though it were going to run Rice all the way back to the layups. It scored a touchdown and a safety, leading 9 to 0 at the half, and held the Owls to a single first down in the opening half.

Texas scored first on a safety when Ray Stone, big left end, charged in to block Wyatt's punt from the end zone. The ball bounced off the field of play.

The Steers added a touchdown in the second period on a 43-yard assault after taking a punt. A 28-yard dash by Clay, who darted through left tackle and came back to his right, was the headline play. In three line bucks from the 4-yard line, Clay put the ball over; the touchdown coming from the 2-yard line. Clay added the point.

That made it 9 to 0, Texas.

Aerials Aid Drive

In the third, the Longhorns tacked on another touchdown after driving 62 yards. Two passes from the right hand of Quarterback Paul Campbell—one to End Ben Procter for 9 yards and another to Paul Williams, the other end, for 18—were mixed with line burrows by Townsend and Fullback Lewis Levine.

From the 3-yard line, Clay gained 2 yards in two tries and then Townsend smacked left guard for the touchdown. Clay failed to convert.

With a 15-to-0 lead, and the third period half over, it appeared that (See OWLS, Page 4)



Murry Holditch, 205-pound tackle from Blooming Grove, helped bulwark the Cadet line against the Baylor rushing attack Saturday. The 25-year-old veteran junior quite often teamed with his roommate, starter Dwayne Tucker, to provide a sturdy defense in the mud-battle.

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