

A&M-Baylor Agreement Off If Bears Play Richard Parma

BY THE CO-SPORTS EDITORS

"As far as I'm concerned, A&M's agreement with Baylor is off if it plays Richard Parma," Coach Harry Stiteler said yesterday. "But such an action would have no effect on our agreement with Texas which would still be in effect," he added.

Parma, fullback on the '48 Waco High School state championship football eleven, was enrolled in A&M for nearly two weeks and then transferred to Baylor University. Since Parma transferred there has been much discussion of how the terms of the gentleman's agreement between the two schools would affect his case.

When the former Waco player left A&M, he had not yet participated in any football game as an Aggie; the discussion of his case has been concerned with whether he would be allowed to play football for Baylor.

The gentleman's agreement be-



HARRY STITELER

between A&M and Baylor specified that neither school would allow a student to participate in athletics at that institution if he had previously been enrolled at the other school, Stiteler explained. The unwritten pact was arrived at last spring by Ralph Wolf, athletic director of the Waco school, and Bill Carmichael, then athletic director at A&M, he continued.

The pact was designed to prevent excessive pressure being placed on a school to release a player who might decide to change schools, Stiteler said. The coach

stated that under the terms of the agreement the fact that the school which the athlete first attended would or would not release him had no effect on his playing at the other school. He explained that this was because the school which the player changed to was bound by the verbal pact not to play him regardless of his release status. Stiteler said that such an agreement was needed because alumni and other school supporters caused unrest among players and put excessive pressure on coaches by continuing attempts to induce men to change schools even after the athletes were already enrolled in another school.

The A&M mentor explained that the pact was agreed to by Wolf after A&M had said last spring that it would not allow two Baylor trackmen to compete in that sport if they transferred to A&M. The two Bear cindersmen had announced their intention of changing schools and it was this situation that led to Baylor's entering into the gentleman's agreement with A&M, he stated.

The Aggie coach said that he had been notified by Wolf that Parma would not be used by the Waco school unless he (Stiteler) voluntarily granted the freshman player a release. The very fact that Baylor authorities contacted him on the matter was in violation of the agreement, Stiteler explained, because the pact was intended to prevent this very thing—placing any coach in a position where he would be under pressure to reach a decision on such a matter.

The Maroons' mentor added that he had already sent release papers on Parma to Waco, but that under the agreement such a release would not affect Baylor, which still could not play the former Tiger star.

"This agreement was reached by the schools involved in order to curb the practices of so-called tramp athletes who jump from one school to another," Stiteler said, "and to remove from the coaches the pressure that results from other schools' supporters tampering with their players. Consequently, if Baylor plays Parma it will have violated the terms of the agreement, and the pact will be ended."

Bear-Frog Tilt Saturday; 56th Clash of Teams

WACO, Oct. 27 — (Spl.) — TCU-Baylor football game here will be a golden anniversary affair.

Fifty years ago, in 1899, when both schools were located in Waco, the two met for the first time to launch a rivalry that now, along with that of Texas and Texas A&M, ranks as Texas' most prolific collegiate gridiron series. Saturday's game will be the 56th Frog-Bear meeting (and the Steers and the Aggies play their 56th match on Thanksgiving Day at College Station). TCU holds a one-game margin in the series, having won 25 of the previous games. Baylor has won 24, and six games ended as ties.

As cross-town rivals, the Frogs and the Bears got their series off to a running start by playing three times a year in five seasons and twice a year in three more. It was two years after their initial meeting of 1899 before they met again, however, as the TCU Board of Trustees did not permit the Frog team of 1900 to play any games.

The first Christian-Baptist meeting was a scoreless tie. In fact, TCU did not score on Baylor until the tenth game of their series, but the Purple gridders were still almost able to hold their own in the 22 games of cross-town rivalry. TCU won eight of these against Baylor's ten, and four ended as ties.

Since they became Southwest Conference rivals—after TCU joined the circuit in 1923—the Frogs have built up a nearly two-to-one advantage over the Bears. TCU has won 13 conference games from Baylor, with the latter winning but seven and two look tilts ending as ties.

In fact, all of "history" favors the Frogs in this conference meeting at Waco even though current records will make them decided underdogs.

Baylor has not won a game from TCU in Waco for ten years, despite the fact that it has won two in Fort Worth in this period.

Battalion SPORTS

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Quarterback Meeting Tonight

Dick Freeman, Sports Editor Of Houston Paper, Speaks at 7:30

The Battalion's Quarterback Club will have its sixth meeting of the fall semester tonight at 7:30 in the Assembly Hall and will present as the featured speaker, Dick Freeman, sports editor of The Houston Chronicle.

Freeman, who will speak on football and the Southwest



Bob Weaver with 504, Brad Holmes with 505, and Lowell Holmes with 495 (left to right) were the three-high men in Monday night's competition in the bowling tournament now going on nightly among the members of the Aggie Bowling Club in the YMCA alleys. Sponsored by the Student Memorial Center, the bowling club will continue the tourney until each member has bowled nine lines and established his place on the bowling team roster.

Farmers Leave Tomorrow For Arkansas Game

For the first time since the '48 Villanova game in Philadelphia, the Aggie traveling squad will again take to the air lanes, as the group will board a chartered DC3 tomorrow afternoon headed for Fort Smith, Ark.

Scheduled to play their SWC grid game Saturday with the Razorbacks of Arkansas, the Aggies will arrive in Fort Smith late tomorrow afternoon and will go through a light workout before journeying to Fayetteville Saturday morning by bus.

This will be the 23rd meeting of the two Southwest Conference rivals. At present, the series between these two teams is all tied up with each team boasting ten wins over the other. Two of the meetings, in 1934 and 1947, ended in a tie.

In a game Saturday, Coach John Barnhill's Porkers will be definite favorites over the near-winless Aggies.

Since these two teams met here in College Station last fall, the Aggies have tied Texas and won over Texas Tech. This year the Porkers have victories over North Texas State, TCU, and Vanderbilt.

They were knocked out of the running for the conference crown by losses to Baylor and Texas.

This game Saturday is considered by many to be the last hope of the Farmers to win a conference game this year, although they are still the underdogs.

The Aggies last conference win came in 1947 here at College Station when they upset Baylor 24-0.

Conference grid race as it is now, has been associated with the Chronicle now for over 15 years. In that time, his name has been ranked along with those of Jim Tucker and Harold Ratliff in sports news writing.

The meeting is free to every one in this area.

Also scheduled for the program tonight are color movies of the A&M-Baylor game of last Saturday.

Another regular feature on tonight's program will be the awarding of prizes to the 11 winners of last week's football guessing contest. According to the rules of the contest, each winner has to be present in order to win his prize.

If any winners are absent, their prizes will be presented to the next best guesser.

The 11 winners last week were: Ralph W. Jones, Box 1532, College Station; T. G. Hall, 609 W. 25th Street, Bryan; Mrs. James A. Short, Fiscal Dept., A&M; John C. Keeling, Box 4358, College Station; Mrs. J. E. Hoban, Box 1111, College Station; Robert L. Jones, Box 2209, College Station; Dorothy Keeling, Box 4358 College Station; Louis D. Buckett, Box 701, College Station; Travis M. McKenzie, Box 303, College Station; Mrs. Ralph L. Terry, Box 4815, College Station; W. C. Davis, Bryan Texas.

The guessing contest goes on again this week with the following sponsors again offering 11 free prizes: Travis B. Bryan of The First National Bank, J. C. Hotard of Hotard's Cafeteria, C. E. Greisser of Greisser Electric Co., J. J. Peters Music Co., Joe Faulk of Lack's Auto Supply, Charlie Ferrer of Triangle Drive-Inn, Parker-Astin Hardware Co., W. S. D. Clothiers, Alexander-Beal Insurance Co., Charlie Cade of the Bryan Motor Co., and The Battalion.

Persons wishing to enter the contest this week should clip the entry blank from the Quarterback Club page in Thursday's Battalion or obtain one from one of the sponsors listed above and guess on the games in which Southwest Conference football teams play this week.

All entries must be turned in to The Battalion Sports Desk by 5 p. m. Friday or postmarked by that time.

Ag Cage Fortunes Rest Upon Tall Players, Shifty Guards

BY FRANK SIMMEN, JR.

Hopes of a successful 1949-50 basketball campaign for the Aggies will hinge on three cagers over six-foot-five, a fast, shifty little guard and a prospective four year letterman.

Coach Marty Karow had 21 men out for the first day of practice last Monday, among these are six returning lettermen.

Two hour drills are being held five days a week from 4:30 to 6:30 daily. This will be the regular drill period from now on since practice has officially started.

Six Returning

Among the six returning lettermen include John DeWitt, last year's soph standout on the Aggie squad, Bill Turnbow, fleet guard, out for his fourth straight major sport letter, and Wally Moon, only out-of-stater on squad who won a numerical at forward last year.

Jewell McDowell, considered the best floor man to ever play for a Maroon and White squad, will be after his second letter this year after playing only a half year with the varsity.

Marvin Martin, last year's most improved guardman is also out to break into the lineup. Martin, a junior now has another year of eligibility. The only other letterman, Trust Mobley, is now enrolled at Southwestern.

The other leading prospects include Ken Sutton, a Baytown great of two years ago who was ineligible last year. Sutton, along with Davis and DeWitt, reach over six-foot-five.

Freshmen Coming

Up from the freshman team are Buddy Davis, Eddie Houser, Bob Farmer, and "Woody" Walker. Davis has not practiced a full session yet due to a sprained ankle that was hurt during the summer and again high jumping here at school. Karow expects Davis to be ready for the first game to be played Dec. 1 in Madison Square Garden.

Two other cagers, who last year did not play are "Mouse" Williams, and "Rabbit" Jones. Both boys worked out with the squad last year.

At present Karow has not figured out his combination, and is working different boys in the line every day.

It's hard to give out any definite predictions as far as the conference race goes, but the Aggie's chances depend a lot on the effectiveness of the three tall cagers under the hoop.

TCU, which had the best freshman aggregation last year, are in the same fix. Both teams will depend on their newcomers.

The Mustangs, whom the Aggies open conference competition with in DeWare Field House January 4 are out to win with such names as all-conference Brown, Lutz and newcomer Kyle Rote rounding out its lineup.

The 27th of December will find the Aggies out in California with a game scheduler with Arizona. The following night the University of California will be the Ag's competition, and Stanford the next night.

Ag Basketball Schedule

- December 1—Long Island University in New York City (Madison Sq. Garden).
- December 3—Niagra University in Buffalo, N.Y.
- December 6—St. Louis University in St. Louis, Mo.
- December 7—Oklahoma A&M in Stillwater, Okla.
- December 12—Abilene Christian Col. in College Station, Texas.
- December 13—Abilene Christian Col. in College Station, Texas.
- December 16—Univ. of Arizona in San Antonio, Texas.
- December 17—Trinity University in San Antonio, Texas.
- December 20—North Texas State Col. in College Station, Texas.
- December 27—Univ. of Arizona in Tucson, Arizona.
- December 29—Univ. of California in San Francisco, Calif. (Cow Palace).
- December 30—Stanford University in San Francisco, Calif. (Cow Palace).
- January 4—SMU in College Station, Texas.
- January 5—TCU in College Station, Texas.
- January 12—University of Arkansas in College Station, Texas.
- January 14—University of Texas in Austin, Texas.
- January 18—Rice Institute in College Station, Texas.
- February 3—Baylor University in Waco, Texas.
- February 7—SMU in Dallas, Texas.
- February 10—Baylor University in College Station, Texas.
- February 13—University of Arkansas in Fayetteville, Ark.
- February 18—Rice Institute in Houston, Texas.
- February 21—TCU in Fort Worth, Texas.
- February 28—University of Texas in College Station, Texas.

Non-Military Cage Play Improving

Non-Military Basketball continued to improve Tuesday with four games.

Dorm 16 swamped the hapless Dorm team 15 33-2 with the fast 16 five appearing to have a magnet in the ball for the hoop. High pointman for the game was J. A. Thompson for 16 with 8 points.

Vet Meds' 51 came through after a very close match 11-10 over the Marketing Club. Neither team could get the scoring spark but both fought to the end with hard play.

Dorm 17 took the win over TCVV 19-13 with Hartman taking the scoring honors.

Entomology took an easy victory over Range and Forestry by a forfeit.

Two tennis matches were forfeits. Walton and Leggett had a double forfeit and Puryear won over 14 by forfeit.

SP Plans Special To A&M-SMU Tilt

Southern Pacific Lines will run a special train from Dallas to College Station for the SMU-Texas A&M game Nov. 5. B. H. Tanner, district passenger agent, announced Tuesday.

The train will leave Dallas at 8:30 a.m. and arrive in College Station at 12:15 p.m. It will leave College Station at 5:30 p.m., returning there at 9:45 p.m., Tanner said.

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