

Southwest Contains Numerous Prospects For '50 Bowl Games

By HAROLD V. RATLIFF

Dallas, Nov. 1 (AP)—It's a trifle early to be talking about bowl games but right now there are mighty fine prospects in the Southwest Conference.

Baylor is undefeated and untied. Rice has lost one game but it was outside the conference and the Owls are favored to win the conference title, which means, favored to beat Baylor. Rice already has gotten by Texas and Southern Methodist and Baylor is the only team left to worry too much about.

Rice, then, would go to the Cotton Bowl, which takes the conference champion automatically. That would leave Baylor and Southern Methodist at top prospects for the other major bowls the Sugar Bowl and Orange Bowls.

Of course, Baylor and Southern Methodist have yet to meet. SMU would really mess up the conference race by beating Baylor if the Bears, in turn, took down Rice. That would leave the title in a three-way tie. Then the Cotton Bowl would have to choose between the three and the other two would be prime bait for the Sugar and Orange Bowls.

Incidentally, the NCAA rules regarding bowl games, which would require 80 per cent of the gate and a third of the tickets for the competing schools and that NCAA representatives be on the boards governing the bowls, do not go into effect until after the next bowl games.

Thus, there will be a bowl game in every city, town and hamlet again. Texas always goes in strong for such games. Look for at least eight bowl games in the state in December and January.

And while they're at it, some of the smaller bowls couldn't go wrong in seeking McMurry College. Here, folks, is quite a football team and with Brad Rowland, one of the greatest backs in the nation, including all the major colleges, would be a real attraction.

Ben Hogan, the great golfer who almost lost his life in an automobile accident near Van Horn last February, is making an amazing recovery.

Hogan was in Dallas Saturday for the Texas-Southern Methodist football game—and to appear on the radio—and reported he had gained 15 pounds.

Little Ben has just returned from England where he captained the American Ryder Cup team. He didn't play any golf, however, and

says it will be some time yet before he does.

Ben commented that his family was doing a good job of supporting the hospitals.

Hogan spent months in a hospital. His mother-in-law had to go to one for an operation. And now his wife has just undergone an operation.

The best crack of the football season:

It was at the weekly luncheon of Dallas sports writers Friday and H. N. (Rusty) Russell, assistant Southern Methodist University Coach, was a guest.

Russell, in discussing the SMU football team, said the boys just couldn't win without Doak Walker—that the All-America quarterback was absolutely essential.

"But," broke in a writer, "SMU beat Kentucky last week and Walker wasn't even in the park—he was in a hospital. How about that?"

Before Russell could answer, James H. Stewart, executive secretary of the Southwest Conference, said with a grin:

"Why, didn't you read the papers? The officials won for SMU. They didn't need Walker."

Coach Bear Bryant of Kentucky had accused the officials of losing the game for him!

Northway Speaks On Quarter Horse

Dr. J. K. Northway, veterinarian for the King Ranch, Kingsville, Texas, spoke Friday afternoon at the Quarter Horse Conference on "The Feet and Legs of the Quarter Horse."

Theme of the conference was "What Makes a Good Quarter Horse?" Talks were given on the general anatomy of the quarter horse during the afternoon.

Dr. Northway stated that the majority of the troubles in quarterhorses occurs below the knees and hocks. An improperly balanced idea is the chief cause of this abnormality, he further stated.

Trimming and care of feet was also stressed by Dr. Northway.



Dick Gardenal, sophomore quarterback from Port Arthur, sparked the Aggie attack for the only A&M touchdown against Arkansas in Fayetteville Saturday. He completed 14 of the 25 passes he attempted and netted a total of 143 yards.

'You Don't Miss 'Em 'Til They're Gone'

The old saw about "sometimes you never really miss 'em until they've been gone a while" certainly holds true for the Aggie football team.

For not until the past few weeks have the Aggies realized the real worth of such 1948 gridmen as linesmen Andy Hillhouse, Jim Winkler, Odell Stautzenberger, Charley Wright and Marion Settegast and workhorse back Bob Goode.

All of these players graduated except Hillhouse. Andy did not return to school this season, but he may be back in 1950.

In 1948, the Aggies were not strong in the backfield. But Winkler, "Stotz" and Hillhouse gave the enemy so much static up front that the Cadets were able to play most of the game. They tied Orange Bowl champion Texas, 14-14; fell to LSU, 13-14, and to SMU and Baylor, 14-20.

And when the Aggies were in need of a couple of yards, these big, tough forwards usually could make way for Goode to get it.

Now the Aggies seldom control the football for more than 35 per cent of a game.

The 1950 Aggie schedule won't be quite as tough with Nevada and VMI replacing Villanova and LSU.

And next year's A&M varsity will get some real help from boys like Alvin Lanford, Jack Little, William Garger, Roy Bush, Ray Graves, Walter Hill and Raymond Haas, who are playing with the Aggie Fish this year.

This isn't much to say the Aggies have conceded victories to SMU, Rice and Texas in their remaining 1949 games. True, the Cadets will be two, three and four-touchdown underdogs in those battles.

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Sleeper Teams Roll As Big 4 Keeps Winning

New York, Oct. 31 (AP)—The monotonous forward march of college football's "Big Four" focused attention Sunday on eight "Sleeper" teams who are making lively bids for bowl attention.

Notre Dame, Army, Oklahoma, and California, rated 1-2-3-4 in order, kept the pace again Saturday with expected victories. Notre Dame thumped Navy, 40 to 0, Army coasted my Virginia Military, 40 to 14, Oklahoma rode past Iowa State 34 to 7, and California, tightening its grasp on another Rose Bowl invite, tripped UCLA, 35 to 21.

But creeping into the picture are the "Sleepers"—Baylor, Virginia, Fordham, College of Pacific, Wyoming, Boston U., Iowa, and Pittsburgh. All rate a look-in for the various Bowl games.

Baylor, Virginia, Fordham, Pacific, Wyoming and Boston U. all are unbeaten and untied. With Cornell, the Ivy League leaders, and the Big Four, they comprise the country's eleven major all-winning clubs. Fordham, Pacific and Wyoming were elevated to the aristocracy as the result of their continued successes.

Penn Top Loss

Only Pennsylvania, rated ninth nationally a week ago, fell Saturday. Pittsburgh, knocked off the all-winning list the week before by Indiana in a stunner, turned the trick on Penn. 22 to 21, with a safety in the last thirty-five seconds.

Guard Bernie Barkouskie blocked a Ray Dooney punt, sending the ball back of the end zone for the two points that brought Pitt its upset triumph.

Four other major surprises made the day interesting. Purdue just about whacked Minnesota out of the Rose Bowl picture, 13 to 7; Tennessee blasted North Carolina's New Year hopes, 35 to 6; Alabama nipped Georgia, 14 to 7; and Duke clipped Georgia Tech 27 to 14.

But let's get back to the "Sleepers."

Baylor, the mystery team of the Southwest Conference and rated tenth nationally, thumped Texas Christian, 40 to 14, to maintain its league lead. The Bears, heading for a Cotton Bowl berth, play Texas as Saturday. Texas lost 8 to 7 to Southern Methodist on Doak Walker's conversion in the last quarter.

Iowa Dark Horse

Iowa is the real dark horse of the Big Ten. The Hawkeyes, 34 to 31 victors over Oregon in a thriller featuring long runs, are tied for the Big Ten lead with Ohio State, each with 3 to 1 records. Iowa plays Minnesota Saturday and Wisconsin a week later. Two victories might give the Hawkeyes their first conference title in twenty-seven years and a shot at the Rose Bowl.

Ohio State, which beat Northwestern 24 to 7, has a non-league game with Pitt Saturday and then follows with two toughies against Illinois and Michigan.

Virginia, 19 to 14 victor over West Virginia, takes on Pennsylvania in the Cavalier's big test. Penn has had Virginia's number in the past.

Fordham doesn't expect to get by Army at West Point Saturday. But if the Rams, who hit the limelight with a 42 to 0 shellacking of Georgetown, can make the score close they'll undoubtedly be buzzed by the Bowl scouts.

College of Pacific, rated by some far westerners as good as any team on the Pacific Coast, belted San Jose State 45 to 7 Friday for its seventh victory. Pacific, paced by Eddie Lee Baron, an outstanding kicker, has rolled up 322 points. The Tigers have an easy one in Santa Barbara Friday.

Wyoming which gets its big opportunity against Baylor Nov. 12, knocked over Brigham Young 45 to 0 to assure itself of at least a tie for the skyline six flag. The cowboys face Colorado State next.

Boston U., with a great passer in Harry Agganis, trampled Scranton, 46 to 6. Buff Donelli's boys shouldn't have any trouble with Temple.

Pittsburgh's win over Penn gave the Panthers a 5-1 mark. A victory over Ohio State could boost the Panther's National rating and Bowl chances sky high.

In taking Navy, Notre Dame set a modern mark of thirty-three straight games without defeat. The Irish bettered the record set by Army and which ended in 1947.

Gordon McLendon To Speak To QB Club Meeting Thursday

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Williamson Rates ND, Army, 1 and 2; A&M Climbs to 61

To add to the paradox that increases with each week's play, the Aggies are climbing consistently and Paul S. Williamson in his weekly rating table has rated the Cadets in the No. 61 spot, bettering a sixty-third place of last week.

Even though the Aggies are not over-all winners this season, they are displaying potentialities that are steadily bringing them nearer the head of the nation's grid list.

Army and Notre Dame, who have been drawing top recognition in football circles for many years, are repeaters of this feat, as the Fighting Irish ranks a solid first with an "earned comparison strength" of 99.9. Army held the first position last week, but exchanged with Notre Dame for the second spot and a "strength" of 99.0.

Oklahoma, California, and Baylor go unchanged in the next three positions. Rice moved up from the No. 8 spot to sixth place while Pennsylvania fell from sixth to seventh. Michigan University, like O. U., Cal, and Baylor, is not affected by the new rating and retains seventh place in the nation's grid poll.

SMU, Doak Walker, and one conversion tally, jumped from eleventh to eighth and are followed close behind by Michigan State, who moved from a lower fifteenth place to a position inside the first ten.

The SWC, considered by many armchair quarterbacks as the aggregation of champions, may now boast of three of the member teams contained in the first ten. The team nearest to this is found to be Texas University, who remained inside the first twenty as nineteenth place in Williamson's grid rating.

Arkansas is next as it is rated twenty-sixth among the nation's teams. TCU has suffered two conference losses and have not moved from the thirty-eighth spot of a week ago.

Williamson does a little prophesying of his own for the coming games to be played Saturday, Nov. 5. When Arkansas journeys to Houston and Rice Stadium, Rice is assumed to be the natural winner.

The sports writing prognosticator does not expect Texas to outplay Baylor, even though they are playing in Memorial Stadium. While TCU goes idle for a week-end, Williamson predicts that Matty Bell's gridiron combination, mentioned in a previous paragraph will emerge the victor of the third Aggie home game.

Notre Dame is expected to be a winner over Michigan State by two or more touchdowns, in the nation's top game of the week. Baylor's proposed win over Texas is rated as the game which ranks second to the Notre Dame melee.

The first ten teams and their "earned strength comparison" is as follows:

Team	Average
1. Notre Dame	99.9
2. Army	99.0
3. Oklahoma	98.6
4. California	97.1
5. Baylor	96.0
6. Rice	94.9
7. Michigan	94.2
8. SMU	93.8
9. Michigan State	93.7
10. Cornell	93.5

"The Old Scotchman," Gordon McLendon, executive director of radio station KLIF in Dallas, and well known sportscaster of baseball and football games, will speak at the Quarterback Club meeting in the Assembly Hall Thursday night at 7:30.

McLendon is another in the line-up of well known sports figures to speak to the Quarterback Club this fall.

His subject will be the A&M-SMU clash next Saturday and highlights about the Southwest Conference teams and the conference race at this time.

The meeting, which is open to everyone in this area, will also feature the color pictures of the A&M-Arkansas game in Fayetteville last Saturday.

Another feature on Thursday night's program will be the awarding of prizes to the winners in last week's Quarterback Club guessing contest.

The winners of last week's contest were: Mrs. Curtis Hayes, Jr., Apt. C-21-x, College View; Mrs. J. E. Hogan, Box 1111, College Station; James B. Ethridge, Box 4876, College Station; Ralph W. Jones, Box 1532, College Station; Robert L. Jones, Box 2209, College Station; Mrs. Tod Means, 104 S. Polk Bryan; Jerry P. Breen, Jr., 507 W. 20th Street, Bryan; Mrs. J. P. Breen, Jr. (same address); Ralph L. Terry, Box 4815, College Station; Mrs. E. R. Shrode, Box 4135, College Station; and J. C. Grady, Box 1542, College Station.

All the above winners are required to be present in order to receive their prizes. If any of the above winners are absent, prizes will be awarded to alternate winners.

The guessing contest continues this week with the following sponsors again offering 11 free prizes:

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To enter this week's contest, persons should clip the entry blank from the Quarterback Club page in Thursday's Batt or obtain a blank from one of the sponsors listed above.

All entries should be turned in to The Battalion sports desk by 5 p. m. Friday. Entries mailed should be postmarked by that time.

Guesses this week will be on the games in which Southwest Conference teams play and should be put on the blanks in the following order:

A&M vs. SMU
RICE vs. ARKANSAS
TEXAS vs. BAYLOR

Winners of the contest, which has 29 teams from 10 states entering, will be named champion of the show, and will receive points towards the determination of the National Championship Team.

Men on the A&M Team will be selected from the participants in last week's rodeo.

Rodeo To Be Held Here Nov. 2 and 3

The 1949 Intercollegiate Rodeo will be held in the Animal Husbandry Pavilion here, Dec. 2 and 3, Charles Rankin, president of the Intercollegiate Rodeo Association, said today.

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MURAL NEWS

Entrants in the open Handball tournament are reminded that games must be played by the date on the schedule card. It game outcomes are not reported to the Intramural office by this date, or if one team fails to play a match on a date mutually agreed on, there will be either a double or single forfeit recorded.

SCHEDULES FOR WEDNESDAY

Team vs. Team	Courts	Time
C CAV	A AF	1 5:15
C FA	A VET	2 "
A FA	SR CO	3 "
D FA	B CAV	4 "

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

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B FA	B CA	7,8,9 "
B TC	B INF	10,11,12 "
G AF	B ENG	13,14,15 "

Mrs. Cashion Chosen Outstanding Mother

Mrs. M. L. Cashion was voted outstanding mother for work done in the A&M Mothers Club, in a meeting Thursday night.

Mrs. O. A. Ashworth and Mrs. E. L. Williams made talks on the history of the club at the meeting in the YMOA.

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