



BY CHUCK CABANISS

"The Aggies, woefully short on talent, have had many troubles this fall... There is no quick way to rebuild a football team whose player material had run as short as that at A&M." Whom are we quoting? None other than Charles Burton, one of The Dallas Morning News' two columnists.

Burton's daily column, "The Inside Story," has carried many references to the Aggies this fall. Some, particularly after the Oklahoma game, were quite flattering to a losing eleven; others, like the quote above stated frankly the Cadets' weaknesses as seen through the eyes of the News sportswriters.

We are not seeking to embroil ourselves in a feud with Burton, a la Simmen-Ratliff, but we do wonder of the Aggies have fooled us or whether Burton is off base.

Optimistically, we felt prior to the opening of the season that the Cadets would show marked improvement as the campaign progressed. Well, they have shown some of this desired improvement the past two weeks, but few of us as spectators have been able to judge the attitude of the individual athletes.

We do think though, that some of the Farmers have failed to perform as well as they gave promise of last fall (and we aren't talking just about sophomores since we realize that the first string line is largely a junior combination). We don't know why these players haven't met our expectations—perhaps we expected too much.

**Is Confidence What The Aggies Need?**

However, we choose to feel that this isn't the case. What the team needs is a "shot in the arm"—something to revive within it the confidence that it can win. We suspect that one winning effort by the Ags—say a victory over Southern Methodist Saturday—could turn the Maroons into one of the most justly feared aggregations in the conference.

Last fall the Cadets never could quite make it—either a bad first period marred by mistakes or a nightmarish final quarter that found a tired Aggie eleven sagging before the opponent's fresh reserves would lead to a Maroon loss. The 14-pointers never could quite hold that other team to 13 points.

Well, seven games have come and gone. Seven games, six losses. The seniors have just about ended lackluster careers, the juniors have almost completed another unsuccessful season, the sophomores have found that victories as freshmen are obscured by losses as the varsity. It is because these men lack talent as Burton says?

"We believe not. We believe that last year's losses were the results

of too few capable reserves and too little backfield speed. We believe that this year's losses are the results of too much overall lack of experience. Seven games can provide a lot of experience—play against Villanova, Oklahoma, LSU, and Baylor could have removed a great deal of the greenness from any player.

What all of this is adding up to is just this: we feel that Saturday would be a good time for the Aggies to turn the record page over. With the backs starting a little faster, running a little harder and the linemen blocking a little crispier, tackling a little harder, you Cadets can make the "experts" and odds-setters eat their words.

Make us eat ours, we're going to pick the Mustangs to win because of the two teams' records so far. Show Burton and the other experts that it was only inexperience that prevented you from winning from veteran elevens like the Sooners and the Tigers. Show the world what we Aggies have believed all along—that you have plenty of talent.

**Scrub Today, Headliner Tomorrow**

Seems as though we have more and more "unknowns" who act like "Balls of fire" once they hit the turf during a game. First we had Dick Callender, Don Nicholas, and Jim Fowler. Now we turn up Murry Holditch, who won the plaudits of the Batt sports staff for his performance against the Razorbacks.

With the defensive work of Callender earning him nomination for national lineman of the week for his play against Baylor and Holditch and Fowler taking the Batt lineman honors for the Arkansas clash... well, one never knows who will rise suddenly to fame next. If nothing else is accomplished, these developments should keep the spirits of squadmen high since they may be the next to hit the headlines.

A phone call to the Batt office about nine last night which was answered by some unknown staff writer informed us that the man whom radio and public address announcers have identified as "Bob Dew" was instead defensive halfback Augie Saxe. Although we were unable to confirm this statement last night, we will clear the matter up in Friday's paper. At

**Monday Deadline Club Mural Entries**

The deadline for entering club teams in the intramural flag football race is 5 p. m., Monday, November 7, Barney Welch said yesterday.

Entry blanks have been mailed to most clubs, but if any club did not receive a blank and wishes to enter a team, blanks may be obtained at the Student Activities office, Welch said.

Each team entered must deposit \$5.00. One dollar of this amount is deducted for each game the team forfeits, and the remainder is returned to the club at the end of the season, Welch concluded.

**Kream, Kow Klub Sets Fall Picnic**

The Kream and Kow Klub will have its annual fall picnic Friday, November 4, at 5:30 p. m., president Bill Hogg announced at the regular club meeting last Tuesday night. The picnic will be held in area three at Hensel Park.

The invitation was extended to all Dairy Husbandry majors and minors, whether they are members of the club or not, and to their wives and dates.

Chili, hot dogs and coffee will be the order of the day. Married students were asked to bring either a salad or a cake, and the single students will provide the drinks.

**"Big" Three in Cadet Line**



**HUGH MEYER**  
The Gainesville center at 215 pounds is the heaviest man in the Ag. line.



**MICKY SPENCER**  
An all-state performer at Pasadena, tackle Spencer tips the scale at 205.



**DWAYNE TUCKER**  
A 210-pound husky from Waco, Tucker is earning his second letter at tackle.

**Aggie Harriers To Meet NTS Today**

The Aggie cross country team will meet the North Texas State Eagles at 3:30 today in a meet over the 2.6 mile course just west of Kyle Field across the railroad tracks.

The North Texas harriers have dropped two dual meets to the Texas Longhorns, 25-12 in Austin and 31-24 in Denton. Top Eagle runners are Don Edwards, James Young, and Ben Sparks.

Julian Herring, number two man in the Southwest Conference meet last fall, will lead the defending conference champion Aggies. Other top Cadet performers are Jones, McMahon, Garmony, and Ortiz.

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**Class A Footballers Enter Home Stretch**

(The following article on Class A football teams and the article on the top Class AA and City Conference elevens also on the page today are part of the statewide coverage The Battalion plans to carry as the different divisions begin to enter their state playoffs.)

DALLAS, Nov. 3.—Class A football is getting down to business and it's an upsetting business for quite a few of the touted little schools.

Kermit, Brenham and West were among those taking it on the chin last week.

New Braunfels and Mount Vernon rolled along in awesome fashion, while Hereford and Dalhart left District 1 just as jumbled as before. They battled to a 13-13 tie. Dalhart may have suffered the most. It lost quarterback Billy Ritter for several weeks through an ankle injury. Perryton meets Dalhart this week, with Hereford playing Canyon.

Lefors' 33-12 victory over Clarendon, still isn't sure of a clear lead in District 2. McLean tied Memphis 19-19, but the district committee hasn't decided how to count the game.

**Floydada Is Dumped**  
Lockney dumped Floydada, 38-13 into a tie with Spur for the lead in District 3. Spur was idle last week.

Littlefield crushed Sundown, 66-0 and its game this week with Sudan may be the title tilt in the north zone of District 4.

Stanton and Post are tied for the lead in the south zone. Post lost to Levelland, 21-12, while Stanton beat O'Donnell, 31-0.

**McLendon Talk, Hog Movie Top QB Program**

**Fish-Slime Tilt Expected to Be Offensive Fray**

Houston football fans can expect another offensive thriller when the Aggie Fish tangle with Rice Slime in Rice Stadium the afternoon of November 11.

Last year, the Fish won, 14-12. This year, the Blue Bolts probably will enter the game as favorites.

The Aggie freshmen have scored seven touchdowns in their three games and have muffed opportunities to score at least six others.

**Won Opener**  
In their opener, the Aggies dumped Weatherford Junior College, 28-13. Raymond Haas, Walter Hill, Ray Graves and Frank Trojak each made a touchdown for the Fish. Halfback Darrow Hooper kicked all four extra points.

Although they moved inside the Baylor Cubs' ten-yard line four times in their second tilt, the Fish lost the game, 13-0.

However, they bounced back with three more touchdowns before bowing in a 21-19 thriller with TCU's Wogs. Herbert McJunkin made one TD and Roy Bush, end, scored twice for the Cadets. The Aggie freshmen made 15 first downs to eight for the Wogs.

**Fish Use Aerials**  
The Fish will do their share of the throwing. Their chunkeys are Ray Graves of Stephenville, Hooper and Carl Menger of Hearne. Graves has completed better than 50 per cent of his passes this season and has connected for two touchdowns. He's also a dangerous broken-field runner, which makes it hazardous for linemen to rush him.

Coaches Marion Pugh and Milton Routh have been drilling their freshmen gridders long and hard for the Houston game. The coaches are not predicting a victory, but they don't expect the Rice team to keep them from scoring.

Every team in the National League won more games than it lost at home in 1948-49.

Gordon McLendon, "The Old Scotchman" of radio sportscasting and newsreel fame, will speak to the Quarterback Club tonight at 7:30 in the Assembly Hall.

McLendon, who is executive director of radio station KLIF in Dallas, is the chief announcer for the Liberty Broadcasting System's baseball broadcasts during baseball season each year.

He will give his views on the A&M-SMU clash here Saturday and on other Southwest Conference games and will conduct a short question-and-answer session afterwards.

**A&M-Arkansas Movies**  
The meeting tonight, which is open to all students and non-students in the Bryan-College Station area, will also feature the color pictures of the A&M-Arkansas clash in Fayetteville last Saturday.

Prizes will also be awarded to the winners in last week's Quarterback Club football guessing contest. Included in the list of prizes awarded each week by the 11 sponsors are two tickets to the next week's Aggie football game.

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. Ted Means, 104

sat clash in Fayetteville last Saturday.

The broadcast will start at 1:50 p. m. with Ves Box and Jerry Doggett doing the announcing. Other stations broadcasting the game will be WFAA-WBAP 820, Dallas-Fort Worth; KPRC, Houston; WOAI, San Antonio; KRIS, Corpus Christi; KVALL, Brownsville, KILRZ, Edinburg, and KGNC, Amarillo.

S. Folk Bryon; Jerry P. Breen, Jr., 507 W. 26th Street, Bryan; Mrs. J. P. Breen, Jr., (same address); Ralph L. Terry, Box 4815, College Station; Mrs. R. R. Shrode, Box 4135, College Station; and J. C. Grady, Box 1542, College Station.

**Must Be Present.**  
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: Mr. J. C. Hotard of Hotard's Cafeteria; H. J. Peers Music Co.; Charlie Ferreri of The Triangle Drive Inn; Mr. C. E. Greisser of Greisser's Electric Co.; Joe Faulk of Lacks Auto Supply; W. S. D. Clothiers; First National Bank, Travis B. Bryan; The Parker-Astin Hardware Co.; Bryan Motor Co., Mr. Charlie Cade.

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 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

**WTAW to Carry Aggie-SMU Tilt**

Saturday's Southwest Conference battle between A&M and defending champion Southern Methodist on Kyle Field, starting at 2 p. m., will be broadcast over radio station WTAW, College Station, by the Humble Oil and Refining Company.

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**MURAL NEWS**

**SCHEDULES FOR FRIDAY**

Military			
Team vs. Team	Courts	Time	
B FA	A CA	1	4:30
E VET	A VET	2	4:30
A FA	B COMP	3	4:30
B ATH	D FA	4	4:30
B INF	B CA	1	5:15
V VET	B TC	2	5:15
A COMF	F AF	3	5:15
D VET	D INF	4	5:15

**Tennis**

E FA	SR CO	4, 5, 6	5:10
C FA	A ASA	7, 8, 9	5:10
C CAV	A ENG	10, 11, 15	15:10
g af	b qmc	16, 17, 18	15:10

**Football**

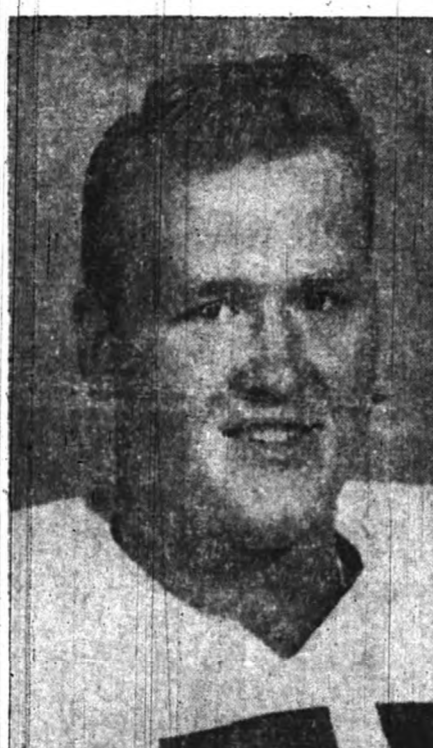
B ENG	K AF	1	5:10
E INF	A ORD	2	5:10
A QMC	A CAV	3	5:10

**Horseshoes**

E FA	B AF	1, 2, 3	5:10
A AF	B VET	4, 5, 6	5:10
A SIG	H AF	7, 8, 9	5:10

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