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This department was very happy to have its prognostications proved wrong last Saturday by the Aggies 27-27 tie with SMU. Not only are we happy about that, but also because all of the remainder of our predictions (two of them) were right.

Just the same, the overall record of this department has not yet lived up to the hopes we had for it at the beginning of this hectic grid season. However, what can you expect to accomplish in this line when you try to guess the outcomes of games in which Southwest Conference teams play?

Here's how this pair's record stands with 34 games gone by and only 12 remaining for the Southwest Conference teams to play:

	Correct	Missed	Average
Sept. 24	6	1	857%
Oct. 1	4	2	666%
Oct. 8	4	1	800%
Oct. 15	3	1	750%
Oct. 22	3	2	600%
Oct. 29	3	1	750%
Nov. 5	2	1	666%
Total	25	9	727%

According to our figures, our average has dropped even more since the last time we had the nerve to publish it. Two weeks ago when we figured it out, we had guessed on 27 games and had been right 20 times for a percentage of .741. Our faces are getting redder all the time, especially with games like these coming up tomorrow to forecast.

Rice 28-A&M 13

Texas 21-TCU 0

We hate to do this after the impressive performance the Aggies put on last Saturday against the Mustangs but Rice Institute's senior-laden team will be just too much competition for the Cadets. The odd makers are figuring that the Owls are 21 points better than the Farmers but we figure that they will make a better showing. If the line play of the Cadets measures up to what it did against SMU, our prognostication as far as A&M's score is concerned might be a touchdown too low.

SMU 20-Arkansas 14

The Mustangs are playing before the home folks again this week and will be out to prove that their miserable showing of last Saturday is something to be marked off as "just one of those days."

Even with the Mustang's tactics, the boys from the Ozarks don't have what it takes to outscore the Methodists.

A team that was "down" mentally as SMU was Saturday against the Aggies is almost certain to be "up" this weekend. Chalk this one up for the Ponies.

Texas, which in our opinion actually has the best team in the conference, will be out for the Frogs. Blair Cherry should have his team fired up for this one after giving out with verbal lashings at Dutch Meyer all week about TCU resting his team before this meeting.

TCU, which supposedly had the best team this year that it has had in a long time, has flopped miserably. Its showing against Baylor proved that. Even with "the great" Lindy Berry playing, it's going to be Texas' ball game all the way.

Baylor 21 - Wyoming 7

The Bears may have a little trouble tomorrow against the Cowboys but not enough to be hurt. Wyoming's pass defense this year is rated one of the best in the country but its competition in the Skyline 6 conference doesn't rate with that of the Southwest Conference.

The Cowboys may give the Bears' Burk some trouble with his passing but not enough to hinder as much as the Texas line did last week. Mark this one up for Baylor.

## Hard Luck Guy Again Ready



JOHN CHRISTENSEN

# Determined Aggies Ready Gear for Houston Invasion

BY HAROLD GANN

## Scott Chosen For Line Honor

Dick Scott, 210-pound senior guard battled his way into the select circle of nominations for the AP's lineman of the week with his excellent defensive play in last week's Mustang-Aggie deadlock. By alertly pouncing on a Pony fumble late in the final stanza of the A&M-SMU tilt, Scott provided the Aggies with the break that they needed to score the tying touchdown against the Mustangs. SMU's All-American Doak Walker momentarily fumbled the ball between his feet and before he could regain possession of the pigskin, Scott had covered it for the Aggies.

Scott is playing his second season for the Aggies since coming from Arlington State College in 1948. The handsome behemoth won All-Southwestern Junior College Conference laurels as a tackle. Along with Scott five other Texans were nominated for the coveted award. They were Rudy Bauman, Texas; Froggie Williams, Rice; Wesley Roberts, Baylor; Bud McFadin, Texas; and Joe Watson, Rice.

Top honors of the week went to Leon Hart, co-captain and right end for Notre Dame, for his superb leadership of Coach Leahy's line. In Leahy's inverted "V" defense, Hart, 240-pound and 6'4" tall, shows his value by spotting the shift of the opponent's strength and directing his teammates to improved positions.



DICK SCOTT

A&M's rapidly improving football team will arrive in Houston early tomorrow only a few hours before treading onto the turf of Rice Stadium to tangle with the high-flying Owls of Rice Institute at 2 p. m.

For those who cannot attend the event with Kern Tips, dean of Southwest Conference sports announcers, doing the play-by-play.

This SWC engagement marks the thirty-fourth meeting between A&M and Rice, a team which is currently ranked seventh in the nation.

The Farmers hold an insuperable margin of victories—20 to 10. The two clubs first met in 1914, A&M lost this game by 25 points, and most experts are picking the Cadets to lose again by almost as great a margin.

Aggies Top Birds

The Maroon and White top the Owls in conference wins, having copped seven titles along with one co-championship as compared to two crowns and a shared title for Rice.

Robert Smith, A&M's pride and joy, has only been jogging around the field in shorts most of the week, but Farmer fans have no reason to be alarmed; he has usually done this before every game this year, only to turn into a power-house on Saturday.

Ramin' Robert is no stranger to Houston, having played his high school football for Lamar High where he gained state-wide recognition. Now he's sporting the Aggie colors and is gaining national honors.

Cadets in Good Shape

The Aggies are in excellent playing condition with the exception of tenacious linebacker, Dick Callender, who will definitely miss the game because of a badly injured right knee.

On the brighter side, John Christensen, who hasn't been able to play since the LSU fracas, will be back in the lineup tomorrow. Christensen has had more than his share of hard luck; he received a back injury in the Baylor game last year, and consequently was sidelined the rest of the season. He has been working out in the safety slot this week.

Rice's power-laden squad is indebted with experienced seniors—20 lettermen have returned from last year's grid campaign and 21 four-year-men are on the squad.

Ten seniors will probably start tomorrow.

The Blue and Gray vest a great deal of their potency in their forward wall—a line that has put them ahead in the conference with three wins against no defeats.

Weights Close  
A&M is not severely outweighed by the Owl forwards (about 7 pounds per man), but Rice really gets its leeway when experience is taken into consideration.

This year Rice has scored 72 points which isn't by any means as

pound center; Bobby Lantrip, crushing fullback; and James "Froggie" Williams, the man to be feared most.

In Robin Rote, the Owls' feature a smart field general good ball handler, and accurate passer. But "Dawg" Dawson, Ag football scout, stated that the team seems to get more spark when little Vernon Glass is in there as the man under.

A&M will try to duplicate its surprising performance of last Saturday and halt the march of the Cotton-Bowl-bound Rice eleven. But if the Cadets succeed, they will do so only by surmounting terrific odds.

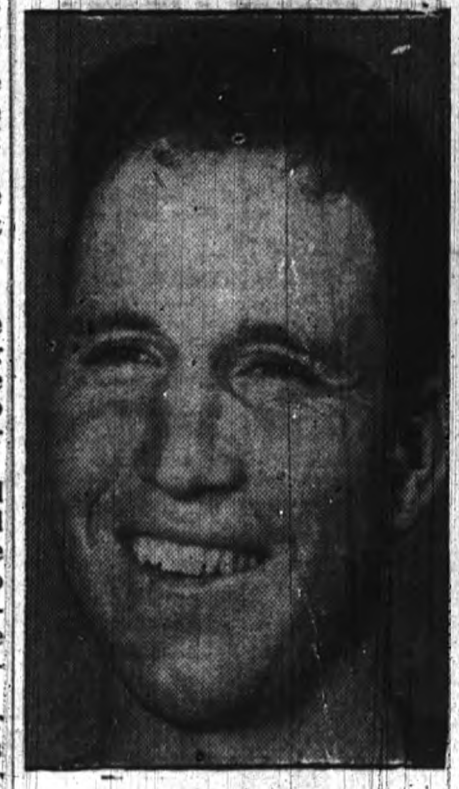
## Sport Awards Given to Fish

Gene Schrickel, president of the A&M "T" Association, announced at the last meeting of the association at the Finfeather Club that the association's minor sports scholarships had been presented to two outstanding freshmen.

The two freshmen receiving the awards were John R. Brodnax, a diver from Houston, and John O. Barrett, a golfer from San Antonio.

These two scholarships are financed by the "T" Association and are to be given annually to outstanding freshmen in minor sports.

Tentative plans for the fall dinner dance of the association were discussed at the meeting and a football movie, "Southwest Conference Highlights of 1948," was shown.



BOBBY GOFF  
Cadet co-captain faces Owls for the last time

## Fencers, Runners Face Loop Rivals

Among other league teams Baylor has 96 points to its total while Arkansas, with 81, also leads Rice.

Owl Coach Jess Neeley stressed offensive plays in early practice sessions this week and stated that he would try to outscore the Aggies. Reports from Clyde LaMotte, Post sports editor, point out that the Owls "are really whooping it up" while working out.

Little Spirit

Meanwhile, in the Aggie camp, the situation was quite reversed. A dull monotone seemed to exist over the A&M squad while they added the finishing touches for the tilt.

Standouts among the Rice group are Joe Watson, a whiz at linebacker; Gerald Weatherly, 210

Two varsity minor sports teams will face conference opposition today. The Aggie cross country runners will meet the Texas Longhorns on the local 2.6-mile course west of Kyle Field. The meet should be close as both teams displayed equal prowess in beating North Texas.

The fencing squad will face the Rice Institute swordmen tonight in Houston in the bayou city school's fieldhouse. Gus Mistrot, Curtis Wilson, John Hopp, John Gottlob, Gerald Monks, and Joe Mays are team members.

## Battalion SPORTS

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## Class A Teams Take Leads In District Races

### Hometowners Face Rice Club

Houston football fans will find many familiar faces wearing the Maroon and White of A&M when the Aggie freshmen meet the Rice Shrine at Rice Stadium this afternoon.

Gerhart Schulte of Lamar, Earl Madeley of Stephen F. Austin, Harvey Smith of Lamar, David Crawford and Robert Hooper of Houston San Jacinto and Tom K. Niland of Houston Lamar are among Houston boys on the Aggie Fish team.

Max Montegut of Texas City, Wesley Parma, Lloyd Harper and Charles Saxe of Beaumont; Frank Burns of Boling and Bobby Dixon

Dallas, Nov. 9 (CP)—Make-up of the 32-District Class A state schoolboy football playoffs will be a bit clearer when the firing ends on this week end's host of crucial games, but with only two weeks of play remaining several districts still remain muddled.

Lefors of 2-A, Ballinger of 7-A, Ranger of 8-A, LeVera of 19-A, Brenham of 23-A, New Braunfels of 24-A and Mission of 24-A could be figured as sure things for the five-week-long play-off.

New Braunfels continued to set the pace among the sixteen undefeated teams remaining after upsets last week knocked four from the ranks. The Unicorns still are a point-a-minute outfit, having scored 397 points to the opposition's 52 in eight games.

Mount Vernon was the most noteworthy casualty last week, losing to once-beaten Mineola, 13 to 7, but the Tigers were joined by Hereford, which lost to Canyon; Hamlin, which was trounced by Colorado City; and El Campo, beaten by West Columbia.

Big Games Stated  
Big games on this week's schedule include:

Floydada vs. Crosbyton and Spur vs. Ralls, which may help clarify a possible multiple tie for the title in 3-A.

Littlefield vs. Levelland, in which Littlefield can win the 4-A north crown, and Post vs. Slaton, in which the 4-A south winner will be named.

Wink, the 5-A leader, vs. Kermit in a game destined to eliminate one as a successor to 1948 State Champion Monohans in that district. Andrews still in the running.

Rotan vs. Hamlin in 6-A east, in which Rotan can win the regional title.

Holiday vs. Archer City in 9-A, in which Holiday may drop out as a co-leader with Burkburnett.

Garland Can Win  
Garland vs. Carrollton in which Garland can win the 12-A title.

Mineola vs. Pittsburg in 15-A. Mineola can clinch the crown with a victory.

Rosebud vs. Cameron in 21-A.



TOM NEILAND

Husky former tackle for Lamar will see action before hometown crowd today in clash with Silmes.

of Ingleside are among other athletes from this area who are listed on the Aggie Fish roster.

Harvey Smith, whose picture appeared in yesterday's Battalion, will not play as he suffered a broken leg in the Baylor Cub tilt. Also, the Aggie lineup will include many stars from other far away sections of the state.

These players include Walter Hill of Ballinger and Herb McMunkin of Highland Park, two rip-roaring fullbacks; passer Ray Graves of Stephenville; and Roy Bush of Childress and Jack Little, big tackle from Corpus Christi.

Greentree Stable's Guillotine, crack two-year-old will miss his fall racing engagements because of a swollen neck gland.

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