

Williamson Puts Ags In 61st Spot Again; Rice 5th, SMU 8th

By FRANK SIMMEN, JR.

Win or lose, it seems the Aggies can't move from their 61st spot in Paul Williamson's weekly football ratings. They have been in the same place for three straight weeks and it looks as though nothing but a 65 to 0 upset of favored Texas University will bring them out of it.

It seems that SMU, the team that ran wild against Arkansas last week, jumped down a notch in the weekly ratings, but jumped up two notches last week when the Aggies tied them.

There must be something the matter with poor Mr. Williamson's ratings for this week, he contends that this is the time for him to check all his cards, and directly from his column we quote, "all percentages of predictions and consistency are omitted this week."

"The Fighting Irish" seem to have a reserve sign on the number one spot, but instead of Army in number two position we find Oklahoma. The Sooners overpowered a strong Missouri team while Army slipped by Penn 14 to 13. The West Pointers at present are lodged in number four.

California moved up from fourth to third spot on the rating sheet.

Rice Fifth
Rice maintained its fifth place rating despite the 13 to 0 loss it handed the Aggies. Rice has been in the top ten every week this season and should stay there, as far as Paul B. Williamson is concerned.

Idle Virginia remained at sixth while Michigan and SMU swapped places from the previous week to take over seventh and eighth spots respectively. Santa Clara moved up to ninth in a readjustment, and Minnesota brought up the rear at 10th.

Texas dropped out of the first ten ranking when they let a strong-willed TCU eleven outpoint it last Saturday. The Longhorns are at present dwelling in the 15th spot and should be contented.

Baylor, proving that they can win against a heretofore undefeated Rocky Mountain team, overpowered Wyoming to hop into the eighteenth position. The rest of the conference teams are ranked down the line with TCU coming in next in the 36th position.

Hogs 25th
Arkansas has fallen to a spot four points below its 21st place of last week. Arkansas found Doak Walker and Co. a little too tough last Saturday as the Mustangs powered through for a 34 to 6 routing.

Orange Rims, Glass Backboards Put Up

Aggie cage mentor Marty Karow said yesterday that the athletic department, in compliance with rule changes made last spring by the Research Committee of the National Basketball Coaches Association, is having rectangular glass backboards erected on the basketball court in DeWare Field House. He also stated that new ring assemblies of a bright orange color would be placed on the backboards.

Karow stated that both these changes were being made because the above equipment was made mandatory for all collegiate games this year.

He continued by saying that the Research Committee, after careful investigation, found that the orange basket rings are easier on player's eyes in shooting and that the transparent backboards will enable many more spectators to witness the game.

Karow concluded by stating that these rule changes were made for the good of the game and that he did not believe that the new glass backboards would hurt the Aggies' chances for a successful season.

Cairns, another Razorback, was fifth.

Other contestants, in order of finish, were: Willie Wilkinson, SMU, sixth; Johnny Lester, SMU, seventh; Ben Hays, TCU, eighth; Jack Burrus, SMU, ninth; Tom Polk, TCU, tenth; Tom Baker, SMU, eleventh; Williams Nations, SMU, twelfth; and Walter Hehl, Conway Nelson and Burnie Robertson, all of TCU, tied for thirteenth, fourteenth and fifteenth.

Tulane, beating evenly matched Vanderbilt by a gigantic score, ran itself into the fourteenth position followed by LSU in the sixteenth spot.

Claiming that the Midwest has the number one game of the nation this week — Williamson goes against his systems' own figures to pick Ohio State over favored Michigan.

Having no major collegiate upsets this past week, the system is still in pretty good shape.

The earned strength and prospective ratings of the nation's top ten teams are as follows:

1. Notre Dame.....99.9
2. Oklahoma.....98.6
3. California.....98.4
4. Army.....98.2
5. Rice.....94.9
6. Virginia.....94.6
7. Michigan U.....94.4
8. S. M. U.....94.1
9. Santa Clara.....93.8
10. Minnesota.....93.6

4 Perfect Marks Remain in AA Football Race

Austin, Texas (AP)—Texas schoolboy football's December play-offs were rapidly taking shape Saturday as four Class AA teams retained perfect records.

Lubbock edged by Odessa, 7 to 6. Wichita Falls cruised to a 36-to-0 victory over Childress and Port Arthur blasted Port Neches, 54 to 7. Corsicana had to take to the air in the rain to get by lowly Ennis, 14 to 0.

10 About Decided
For all practical purposes, ten of the sixteen Class AA district championships already have been decided, although in some cases there are mathematical possibilities of the current leaders being barred from the throne room.

Five more titlists probably will be decided this week in the City Conference. Sunset is practically certain to represent Dallas in the December playoffs. Thomas Jefferson of San Antonio and San Jacinto of Houston have the inside track for their titles. Fort Worth's title picture has been narrowed down to two teams, North Side and Paschal, which play each other on Thanksgiving Day.

The Class AA situation by districts, the conference won-lost records in parentheses:
District 1.—Pampa (2-0) only team unbeaten in conference play; has only weak Borger left.
District 2.—Wichita Falls (3-0) and Vernon (3-0), decide title at Wichita Falls next Friday; Wichita Falls heavily favored.
District 3.—Lubbock (2-0), undisputed leader after 7-to-6 victory over Odessa (2-1); has two weak teams — Midland and Brownfield left to play.
District 4.—Austin of El Paso (2-0), out front; has only El Paso High left.
District 5. Abilene (2-0), only team unbeaten in conference play and after its 40-to-0 rout of Brownwood looks like cinch for title. San Angelo (1-1), which lost to Sweetwater last week, 14 to 27, had been considered Abilene's strongest challenger. Abilene has already beaten Sweetwater.

6. Breckenridge, only team unbeaten in conference play after its 28-to-7 conquest of Weatherford and Stephenville's 27-to-19 upset of Mineral Wells this week, closes out schedule against weak Cisco, Nov. 24.
7. Paris (4-0) cinched title with

GRIDGRAM

By BILL McCLANAHAN

SYMBOLS
 ● = DOWN FOR SMU
 ○ = DOWN FOR A&M
 ○ = RUNNING PLAY
 ○ = PASS PLAY
 ○ = KICK
 ○ = 1st DOWNS
 ○ = INC. PASS.
 ○ = FUMBLE!
 ○ = PENALTY!

27 FOR SMU **FOR A&M 27**

Reproduced above is the gridgram of the A&M-SMU game which appeared in The Dallas Morning News a week ago. The sports editors felt that The Battalion's readers might like to slip out and keep this feature, which represents the outstanding upset in the 1949 Southwest Conference football race.

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8. Highland Park (3-0) has already cinched at least a tie for its ninth straight district championship, closes regular season against Sulphur Springs (1-3) Friday night.
9. Marshall (5-0) in throne room, all other teams already having lost at least two conference games. Marshall has one more game, with Tyler (1-3) on Nov. 24.
10. Lufkin (3-1) and Conroe (3-1) tied for lead, each has one more game to play. Lufkin meets (See PERFECT MARK, Page 4)

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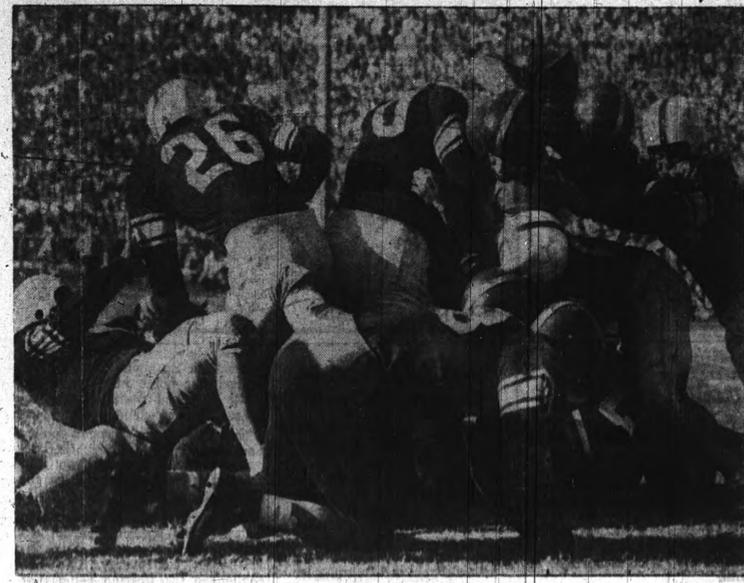
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Aggies John Christensen (26), James Fowler (90), and Carl Hill (81) making up part of the line that is stopping Bob Lantrip's (Owl) on the right at the top of the heap) third futile attempt to score.

Upsets Mar Leaders' Records In Nat'l., A-A Pro Leagues

New York, Nov. 14 (AP)—Upsets blocked the road for the Los Angeles Rams and the Cleveland Browns in their National Football League and All-America Conference title bids Sunday.

Los Angeles, Western Division pace-setter in the National League, was tied by the Pittsburgh Steelers, 7 to 7. The Browns, front-runners in the All-America Conference, were held to a 7-to-7 stand-off by Buffalo.

The Rams gained their stalemate in the eleventh hour, Fred Gehrke cracking over from the one-on-second down with only 24 seconds of play remaining in the last quarter. Bob Waterfield converted to tie it up.

Cleveland rolled to a touchdown in the first over on a quarter-back sneak. The Bills tied it up in the second, Chet Mutyra skirting right end with the marker.

Tue Falls
Lou Groza's educated toe played truant in the last period. The Cleveland star attempted three field goals from the 27, 34 and 51-yard

markers respectively but all failed. The unexpected results cut Los Angeles' edge over the Chicago Bears to one and one-half games and sliced Cleveland's lead over the New York Yankees to a half game. The Bears withstood the Detroit Lions, 27 to 24, and the Yanks stopped the Chicago Hornets, 14 to 10.

Meanwhile, the Philadelphia Eagles, Eastern Division leaders in the National, flattened the Washington Redskins, 14 to 21, while the runner-up New York Giants conked the Green Bay Packers, 30 to 10. The Giants trail the Eagles by two games. In the other National League game the Chicago Cardinals bewildered the New York Bulldogs, 65 to 20.

San Francisco's 49ers, after a stiff first half duel, went to town in the final half and crushed the Los Angeles Dons, 41 to 24, in the remaining All-America Conference game.

New Record
The sixty-five points scored by the Cardinals were the most ever

talled in a regular season game in the league. The league record of seventy-three was scored by the Bears in their championship play-off with Washington in 1940.

Jim Hardy and Paul Christman each pitched three touchdowns passes and Card Fullback Pat Harder scored 23 points on two touchdowns, eight extra points and a field goal.

Tommy Thompson, Philadelphia's passing wizard, hurled four touchdown passes to feature the Eagle route of Washington. Cliff Patton, Eagle kicking specialist, missed converting after his team's third touchdown to snap his consecutive extra-point kicking streak at 84, a National League record.

Another passing master, Charley Conerly, also was in top form. Conerly heaved four 6-pointers to spark the Giants to their triumph at Green Bay. Gene (Choo-Choo) Roberts snared three of Chuck's pay-off pitches.

Passing Duel
A passing duel between two former Notre Dame quarterbacks, Frank Tripucka of Detroit and Johnny Lujack of Chicago, highlighted the Bear's victory.

Tripucka threw three touchdown passes and completed 15 out of 32 attempts for 222 yards; Lujack clicked twice with scoring passes and completed 11 out of 23 for 172 yards. However, one of Tripucka's passes in the last period was intercepted by Ed Cody who ran it back 38 yards for a score that turned out to be the winning one as Tripucka fired two touchdown passes before the frame ended.

The Yanks scored twice in the first period and then played dead against the Hornets who got back into the game with ten points in the second period.

Buddy Young grabbed the opening kickoff and raced 91 yards for the first Yankee touchdown. Minutes later, the Yanks had another as Sherman Howard climaxed a drive that started on the Chicago 19 with a crash into the double stripes. Harvey Johnson converted after each touchdown to run his record to ninety-eight straight.

The Yanks entertain Cleveland next Sunday in a game that in all probability will decide the championship.

Frankie Albert was the big gun in San Francisco's triumph over the Dons on the coast. Albert pitched three touchdowns and initiated a scoring pass lateral.

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