



BY BILL POTTS AND CHUCK CABANISS

This department's work seems to have eased off a little for tomorrow. With only two games in which Southwest Conference teams participate, there's not much predicting (guessing) to be done.

The conference race for the season is rapidly drawing to a close and unless some remarkable upsets come out of tomorrow's games, the permanent pattern is about set.

Rice is on the top roost in the conference standings at this time and a win tomorrow will salt away a sure tie for the Owls, even if they happen to slip up and let Baylor beat them when the two teams meet in Houston next weekend.

Baylor and SMU still have chances at the title, mathematically speaking. The only way that the Bears could get into the conference throne room would be via a TCU win over Rice. SMU is a little farther behind than that.

The annual battle between the freshman teams of A&M and Texas comes off tomorrow in Austin at Memorial Stadium. Sponsored by the Ben Hur Shriners, the proceeds of this game will go for the benefit of crippled children.

A&M Fish have not won a game in Memorial Stadium since '34. The teams have played 11 games to date and the Shorthorns have come out victors in seven of them.

Only last year the Fish were able to break into the win column. They soundly defeated a favored Shorthorn team on Kyle Field, 14-0.

This record should give the Aggie Fish plenty of reason to be out to knock the Shorthorns over tomorrow.

Shorthorns 14-A&M 13

The "Little Turkey Day Classic" tomorrow is a chance for the students of both A&M and Texas to start blowing off a little steam before the "big one" next Thursday.

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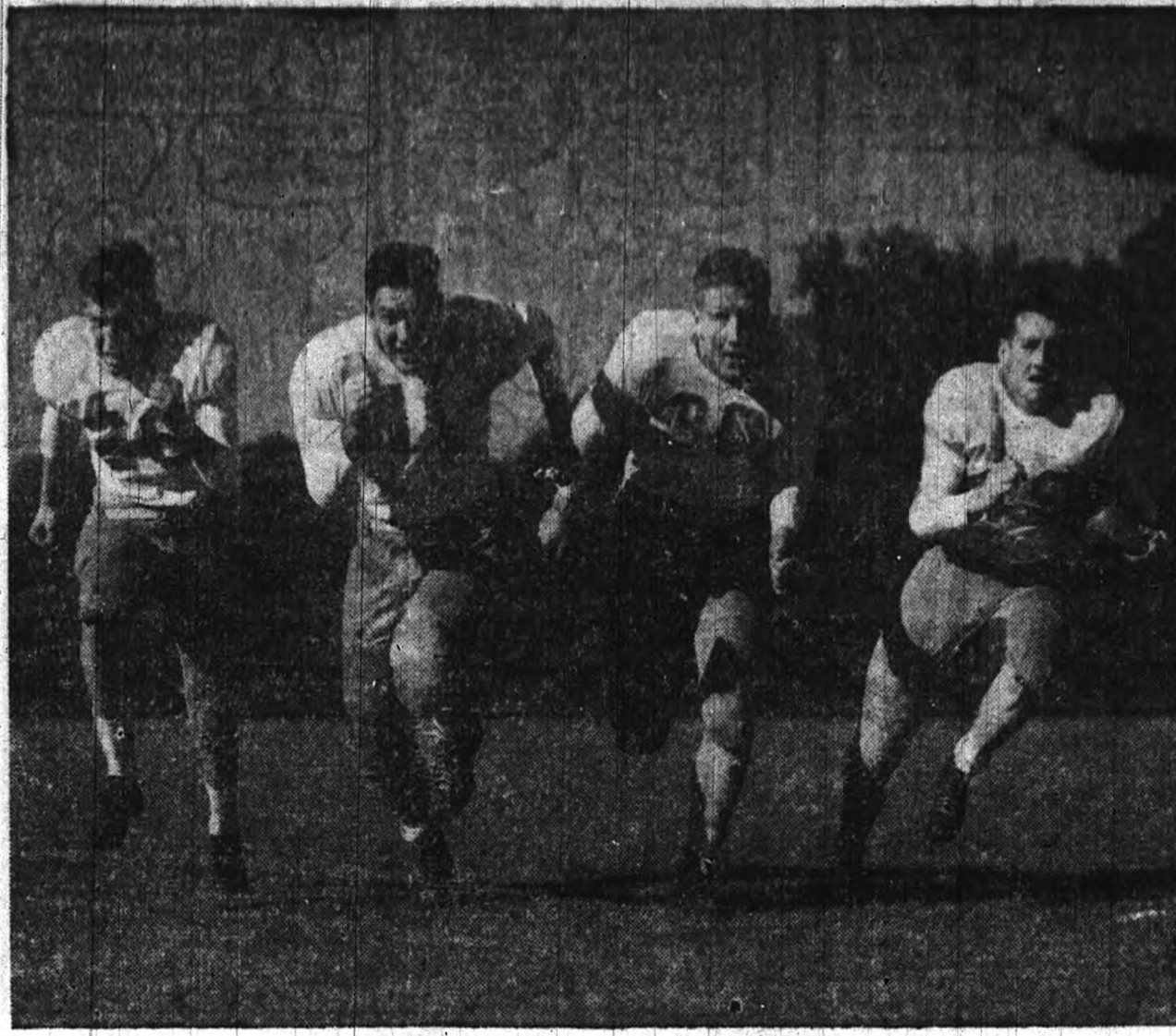
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Steers Today — Barbecue Tomorrow



The above four Bovines are expected to resist forcefully when the Aggie Fish attempt to defeat the Texas Shorthorns in Austin tomorrow. T. Jones on the left came to TU from Childress reputed to be another Bobby Layne. Next to quarterback Jones is Bobby Honeycutt, highly touted Gladewater runner, and third in the on-

rushing quartet is '48 AA all-state fullback Tom Stolhandske of Baytown. The outstanding member of the first string backfield is the husky on the right, Gib Dawson of Douglas, Arizona. Dawson has shown up well even while the Yearlings were dropping two of their four tilts.

Steer Poloists Dunk Maroons Twice in Austin

The Aggie water polo team went down in defeat 2-to-4 before a much more experienced Texas University team last night in what turned out to be a very wild affair. The Longhorns put the game on ice only after two overtime periods.

The first half saw the Aggies controlling the ball almost entirely. As the game started Ralph Ellis raced out and flipped the ball back to Bill Sargent, who lost control of the ball to Dick Walker of the Longhorns.

Walker made a feeble toss at the net and Tommy Comstock, Aggie tender retrieved the ball. Following a scramble for the ball Bill Sargent flipped the sphere over to Van Adamson who spun and drove the ball past Texas goal tender Bobby Hill for a tally.

Ag Score Again
After a series of scrambles for the ball and several missed shots at the net, Ralph Ellis came out with the ball and flipped it into the net for the Aggies' second score. The remainder of the first half was a see-saw battle between the teams with several shots being blocked beautifully by both goal tenders.

Taking advantage of their powerful reserve strength, the Longhorns came back in the second half to tie the score at 2-all. Jack Tolar scored the Longhorns' first goal on a long heave from around mid-pool.

Wynant Wilson tied the game with a smashing hook shot following several tackles and fouls which excited the near-capacity crowd to wild enthusiasm. The regular game time ended with both teams madly scrambling for possession of the ball.

Overtime Period
The first overtime period was largely a rugged tussle for the ball and a series of shots that might have beaten either team had it not been for some very brilliant defensive play at the nets by Aggie goal tender Tommy Com-

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Dynamite Adage Applies . . .

Line Standout Greiner Is Lightest Guard in League

BY FRANK SIMMEN, JR.

Dynamite comes in little packages, so they say, and it certainly holds true in the case of Max Glen Greiner. Light, but fast and rough, is a good way of describing the Aggie's offensive and defensive line standout.

It's hard to believe that one of the lightest Aggie line candidates is one of the conference's best guards. Greiner, collecting his third letter this year, can never remember playing against a man on the line he outweighed during his college career.

Although he recently moved to Houston, Greiner still claims Beaumont as his home. He moved to Beaumont his freshman year in high school, and made quite a name for himself with an otherwise ineffective Beaumont Royal Purple team.

Despite the fact that the Beaumont team finished in the cellar every year that Greiner participated in football, he managed to make all-district twice and third team all-state in '46, his senior year.

Defensive Rock
That old proverb about a line-man making a name for himself on the defense while a backfield man gains a reputation playing on the offense really applies to this 190-pounder. For Max admits, "The only reason I made anything in high school was because our team always played on the defense."

Next season will end the playing career of A&M's last wartime spawned four year letterman when Max graduates with a BS degree in January of '51.

"Wish I could be in on the kill in that '51 season," Max admits, "that's gonna be the year". We think a little man named Harry would also be glad if Max could hang around another year at his regular right guard slot.

Subbed for Stautz
Under Coach Homer Norton his first year in college ball, Greiner subbed for Overly and Stautzenberger. Then under Coach Stiteler



MAX GREINER

In '48 he held down the starting posts along with power-laden Odell Stautzenberger.

Greiner has started more games during the last two years than any other Aggie on the squad, and it is readily admitted by everyone that he is one of the most consistent players in the conference. He has started every game the last two seasons except

Fish-Shorthorn Classic Scheduled For Saturday

BY C. D. BUXTON

The Aggie Fish invade Memorial Stadium in Austin at 2 p.m. tomorrow for the fourth annual "Little Turkey Day Classic" with the Texas Shorthorns as opponents.

Proceeds from the outstanding contest will go to the Crippled Children's Clinic of the sponsoring Ben Hur Shriners. Only last week the Fish took part in a similar charity game in Houston when they downed the Rice Slime, 20-to-0.

In 1946 the Shriners undertook the sponsoring of the fray and after one game between "B" teams of the two schools, the present freshman rivalry was resumed as the feature attraction. Wartime eligibility rules had ended freshman competition after the '42 season and it was not begun again until '47.

Mistaken Propaganda
Press releases from Austin the past few days have informed the readers all over the state that the TU-A&M freshman series began in 1937 and that not until 1948 did the Fish break into the win column. If the write-ups on the pre-war Longhorns are correct, the Steer sports publicity man has his signals crossed.

According to the 1935 Longhorn '34 Fish opened the series with Texas when the conference made some kind of change in the rules concerning first year athletes. The annual reported that the Ags won by a margin of two field goals.

The following season ('35) the present Aggie backfield coach, Dick Todd, paced the Maroons to an 18-to-6 victory on Kyle Field. In 1936 the Fish suffered their first setback, a 21-to-6 loss to the Yearlings on Bryan to Buryan aerials.

Only Two Wins
The seemingly disputed outcome of the '37 tussle was reported

to be a victory by the Aggie yearbook, although the Austin sources have said that the Shorthorns, paced by Pete Layden, took the game by a 14-to-6 margin.

At any rate, the Fish dropped contests in '38, '39, '40, '41, '42 and '47 before trouncing a highly favored Steer team last fall. The Yearlings were undefeated but tied and boasted a large number of all-state performers. This fact didn't bother the Maroons at all as they overpowered the Shorthorns, 14-to-0, before a record breaking crowd of 14,000.

But getting back to the current Fish eleven—though bruises were plentiful after the rough Rice game, the Ag team as a whole is in good shape. Although sports writers have billed the game as a contest between the bulky Cadet line and the powerful Shorthorn backfield, the Fish can boast of some top backs themselves.

Haas, Graves Sure
A sure starter at left halfback is Ray Haas, the Kingsville hot-shot who is an all-the-way threat for the Aggies. Ray Graves, eagle-eyed man-under, is another sure opener on the offense.

The right halfback slot will probably be held by Connie Magourik who finally showed some of the form that won him all-state honors last fall. Big Darrow Hooper looked particularly good on defense, as did offensive fullback Walt Hill, the Ballinger all-stater.

Fast improving Herb McJunkin, Highland Park husky, might start at fullback and certainly will see a lot of action at the position with Hill joining Bastrop's Austin Stubbs as the first string defensive linebackers. DeVeny as safety and Reynolds at half will complete the secondary on defense together with the other three men.

The Heralded Aggie guards and tackles will be in evidence Saturday, too, with the starters probably being Little and Dixon at the tackles and Schulte and Rush at the guards. Cox will be the offensive center with Saxe and Bush opening at the terminals on the attack and Heffner and Weisinger entering the fray on the defense.



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