

Rice Owls Squeeze By TCU Frogs, 20-14

Fort Worth, Nov. 21. (AP)—Rice used a granite goal-line defense and a couple of breaks Saturday to squeeze past Texas Christian University, 20-14, and clinch a tie for the Southwest Conference championship.

The big burly Owls rolled up a three touchdown lead in the first half, but had to hang on grimly the rest of the game.

Four times Texas Christian scored in the second half. But penalties rubbed out two touchdowns. And at the end, a pass interception by Rex Procter saved their unbeaten record in conference play.

Next week the Owls and Baylor will decide which acts as host in the Cotton Bowl Jan. 2.

Rice had the answer to Texas Christian's nine man line, the defense that upset Texas, in the first half. It was deadly flat zone passing, with Tobin Rote doing the tossing and Bobby Lantrip and James (Froggie) Williams the catching.

Flat passes played key roles in Rice's first two scores. One, a 31-yard pass from Rote to Williams, sparked the Owls' first touchdown march, a 60-yard drive the first time they got the ball. Billy Burkhalter plunged over the goal-line from the one.

Early in the second quarter another pass—Rote to Lantrip—ate up 30 yards in a 49-yard drive Burkhalter eluded with a 12-yard touchdown sprint.

John Kelly snagged Lindy Berry's pass minutes after Rice's second touchdown and ran 48 yards for the Owls third score.

Two extra points by James (Froggie) Williams boosted Rice's half-time margin to 20-0.

TCU, sparked by Berry, playing with a plastic mask to protect his cracked jaw, and big John Morton, stormed back in the third period.

The Horned Frogs' Bob Moorman recovered Lantrip's fumble on Rice's six-yard line. This time the Owls' defense held at the goal.

But TCU cracked back 43 yards for two touchdowns, one that didn't count. After Morton clipped off 33 yards, Berry passed to Morris Bailey in the end zone. An off-side penalty nullified it.

Berry Passes For Score Morton got back the five, then one more. This time Berry's pass to Johnny Dunn went on the score-board.

Later in the third quarter, Rex Alford broke through to block Sonny Wyatt's kick and Wayne Rogers staggered over the goal line with the football for the Horned Frogs' second score.

Home Ludiker kicked both extra points.

TCU, which outgained Rice, 323 yards to 264, powered to a first down on Rice's two-yard line late in the fourth quarter.

The Owls wouldn't budge on two line plunges by Morton. A backfield in motion penalty rubbed out a touchdown sprint by Berry.

George Boal caught Berry's next pass, but inches out of the end zone. That chilled all but the faintest hopes the Frogs had of pulling another upset.

This last flickering spark went out when Procter grabbed Berry's pass after TCU had taken over on the Owls' 26-yard line with less than a minute to play on Berry's 30-yard punt return.

14 Champs Set In Class AA; 21 A Titlists Set

By The Associated Press

Fourteen district champions have been crowned in the Texas schoolboy football Class AA race, leaving two to go.

Nine of the crowns were won Friday night. In addition, Friday night, 21 class A District titlists were decided to complete the play-off field of 32. And San Jacinto of Houston joined Sunset of Dallas in filling two of the four play-off spots for the city conference.

The lineup for the city conference and class AA will be completed next week. First round games will start in Class A.

Here's the district champions crowned to date:

City Conference
Sunset of Dallas and San Jacinto of Houston, Port Worth and San Antonio districts undecided.

Class AA
District 1—Pampa; 2—Wichita Falls; 3—Lubbock; 4—Undecided; 5—Abilene; 6—Breckenridge; 7—Paris; 8—Highland Park of Dallas; 9—Marshall; 10—Conroe; 11—Undecided; 12—Galveston; 13—Corsicana; 14—Austin; 15—Alice; 16—Harlingen.

Class A
District 1—Phillips (Canyon co-champion, Phillips in playoff); 2—Leflore; 3—Spur; 4—Littlefield; 5—Wink; 6—Haskell; 7—Ballinger; 8—Ranger; 9—Burkburnett; 10—Bowie; 11—Arlington; 12—Garland; 13—Honey Grove; 14—Atlanta; 15—Mineola; 16—Leverett's chapel; 17—Kaufman; 18—Grand Saline; 19—Laveaga; 20—Mexico; 21—Rosebud; 22—Lampasas; 23—Alvin; 24—New Braunfels; 25—Freer; 26—French (Beaumont); 27—El Campo; 28—Edna; 29—Mission; 30—Mission; 31—Edison; 32—Uvalde (tied with Del Rio, but won right to go in playoff on penetrations).

Wichita Falls downed Vernon, 21-14, Friday night to annex the district 2-AA title.

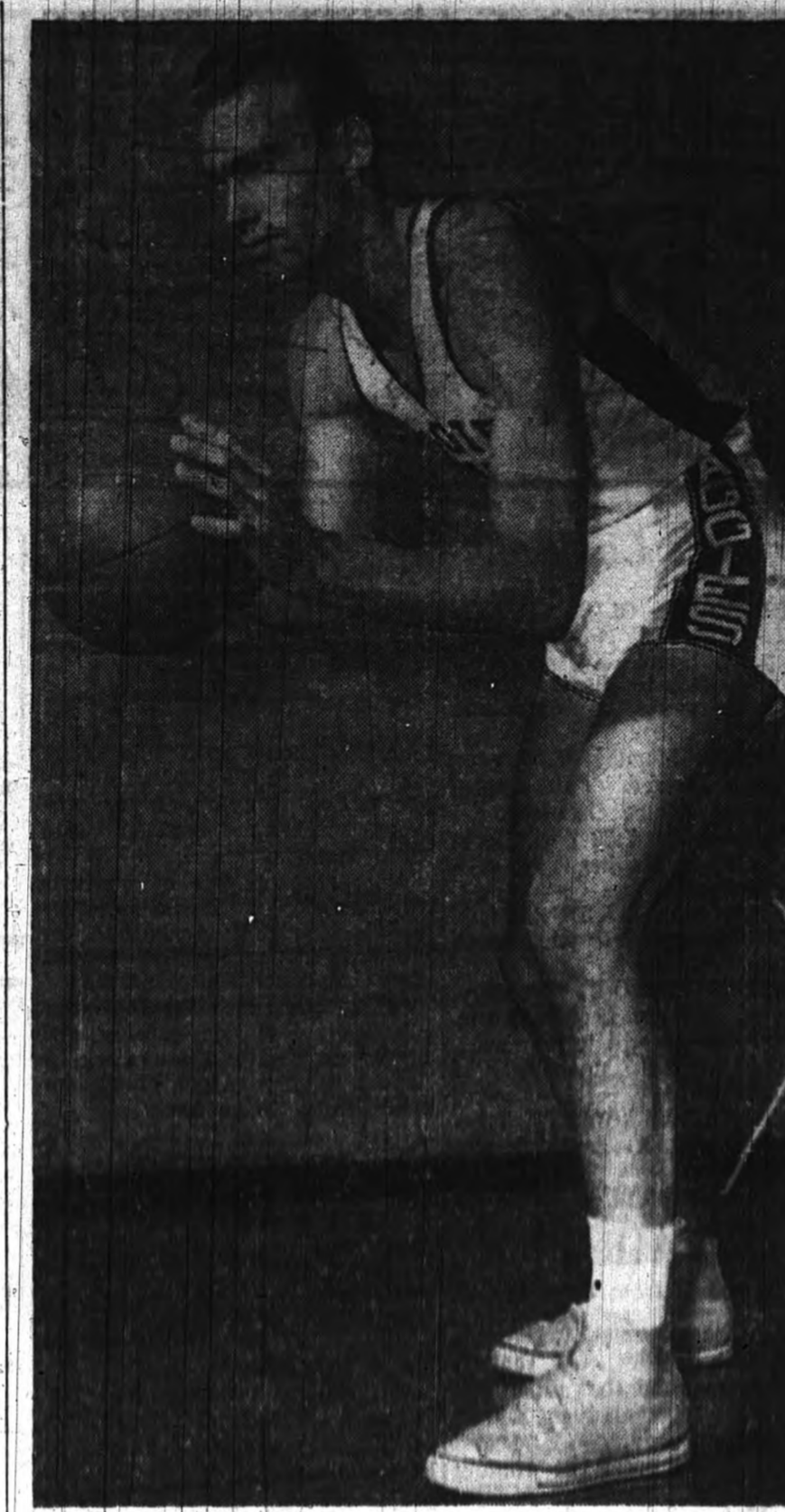
Lubbock used third stringers almost all the way in beating Midland, 28-7.

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Wally Moon, aggressive letterman guard from Baylor, Arkansas, is having to fight hard to retain his first string berth. Soph Eddie Houser has shown great improvement since last winter and is threatening to force Moon out of the starting five that will open against LIU in Madison Square Garden on December 1.

Ohio State Ties Michigan, To Play Cal In Rose Bowl

New York, Nov. 21. (AP)—Ohio State and California won Rose Bowl berths Saturday as Notre Dame and Oklahoma, the nation's top college football teams on the AP poll, got the scare of their lives in winning.

Ohio State tied Michigan, 7-7, and also shared the Western Conference title with the Wolverines when place kicker Jim Hague converted the Buckeyes' fourth period touchdown on the second try. He missed on his first but Michigan was offside.

By deadlocking the Wolverines, Ohio State became the Western Conference standard bearers in the Jan. 2 Rose Bowl. Michigan, a visitor two years ago, was ineligible to return to Pasadena.

California continued unbeaten by stomping Stanford, 33-14, and thus earning a return engagement in the Rose Bowl, where the Bruins lost to Northwestern last Jan. 1.

Minnesota Misses
Minnesota's ponderous Gophers just missed the post-season plum. They subdued Wisconsin, 14 to 6. Both the Badgers and Minnesota had a chance for the trip and had Ohio State lost, the Gophers might have been chosen.

Notre Dame tied into an old jinx team, Iowa, and won, 28 to 7, but for the first time Coach Frank Leahy had to sweat it out. The Hawkeyes, who have beaten Notre Dame three times in eight chances, outgained the Irish in the first half.

Santa Clara proved its victory over Oklahoma a year ago was no fluke by outgaining the Sooners before finally bowing, 28 to 21.

Many of the nation's major teams, such as Army, Cornell and Pennsylvania, were idle today in anticipation of major tests next week either on Thanksgiving Day or Saturday.

Tulane Whips Virginia
On the other fronts, Tulane shoved Virginia out of the unbeaten class, 28 to 14, although the Cavaliers' John Papit out-gained the winners' Eddie Price. The defeat may have cost Virginia a bowl bid.

Baylor smacked Southern Methodist, 35 to 26, although Doak Walker got three touchdowns and Rice mastered Texas Christian, 20-14. Next week the two winners meet with the victor of that one likely to be the Cotton Bowl host.

North Carolina came back from its inspired showing against Notre Dame a week ago to beat Duke, 21 to 20, decisive points coming on a safety. Charlie Justice dominated the play despite a throbbing ankle. The victory meant the Southern Conference title for the Tar Heels.

Another injured ankle was no handicap to Levi Jackson as he

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W&M Tromps Arkansas 20-0 In Second Half

Little Rock, Nov. 21. (AP)—William and Mary broke a scoreless defensive duel wide open in the second half here Saturday to drub the Arkansas Razorbacks, 20 to 0.

The Indians ran and passed 77 yards to open the scoring late in the third quarter and then converted two Arkansas fumbles into fourth-quarter touchdowns.

The passing of Buddy Lex and line-ramming of Jack Cloud and Ed Maszdiak ate up the yardage and brought the scores. But William and Mary's line made the victory possible. The big line stopped the Razorbacks within the five-yard line.

W&M end Vito Ragazzo snagged his 13th touchdown pass of the season, a new national record, for the initial score. It was a 10-yard pass from Lex and capped an Indian drive from their own 23.

Early in the fourth quarter Arkansas' Jim Rinehart fumbled while trying to return a Lex punt and W&M took the ball on the Razorback 13. Cloud plowed to the 10 and two plays later went through right guard for a touchdown.

Tracy Scott fumbled the ensuing kickoff, with Ed Weber grabbing possession for the Indians on the Arkansas 28. An offside penalty and an 18-yard end run by Lewis moved the ball to the five, and Cloud went over on his third try.

Lex made good on his first two extra point kicks but missed the third.

Arkansas rolled 58 yards on sheer power near the end of the second quarter, only to be stopped at the Indian one. Then in the last five minutes, with Rinehart completing long passes, the Razorbacks got as far as the visitors' five, only to lose the ball on downs again.

—Beat TU—

Cross-Country Runners Meet Tuesday at TU

The 1949 Southwest Conference cross-country meet Tuesday is expected to attract a record number of entrants, Austin sources report. The Texas course will be the scene of the loop meet to determine both the individual and team champions.

A&M is the defending champion and in some quarters is regarded as a slight favorite to repeat since nudging the Steers in a dual meet at College Station. Julius Herring, second in the '48 meet behind teammate J. D. Hampton, leads the Cadet squad.

Tom Rogers, sophomore ace of the Longhorns, nudged Herring for first place in their only meeting this year and the individual title will probably go to one of these runners.

Four conference schools have entered complete teams in the big meet, A&M, Texas, Arkansas, and SMU. Individual runners will be on hand from the other three schools, Baylor, Rice, and TCU.

Texas, which prior to last fall had won 18 consecutive titles in cross-country, is expected to be the Cadets' biggest opponent as the dark horse Arkansas Razorbacks are something of an unknown quantity at present. Last Saturday the Porkers sent five runners in ahead of all the harriers from both SMU and TCU and this fact means the Ozark runners will have to be reckoned with before the championship is awarded to anyone.

Some interesting facts have been learned about the A&M-University Aquatic Club water polo contest since the write-up on the tussle appeared in Friday's Battalion.

First, The Battalion would like to apologize to Gilbert McKenzie. McKenzie scored the second Cadet goal which the paper erroneously credited to Ralph Ellis, who also turned in a fine game for the A&M.

The University Aquatic Club, which consists of both graduate and undergraduate performers, took the

Bears Overpower Mustangs With Burk's Passing, 35-26

Dallas, Nov. 21. (AP)—Tall Adrian Burk, Baylor's man with the slingshot, knocked down Southern Methodist, 35-26 Saturday to keep the Southwest Conference football championship race going for another week.

The precision ball-manipulator on Baylor's glittering T formation passed for three touchdowns and set up two more in turning back battling Southern Methodist and its great Doak Walker.

It was Baylor's first victory over SMU since 1936 and puts the conference title and the host spot in the Cotton Bowl up to next Saturday's game at Houston between Baylor and Rice. Rice remained undefeated in conference play by beating Texas Christian, 20-14. Baylor has lost one game, but by beating Rice can tie for the title and get the Cotton Bowl bid.

63,000 Watch
A crowd of 63,000 watched Baylor break away for two touchdowns in less than nine minutes then hold on easily against a great exhibition by Walker, who scored three touchdowns and booted two conversions to take over the conference scoring lead with 81 points.

On the first play of the game, Burk electrified the crowd by passing to Dudley Parker, who caught

the ball at midfield and raced to paydirt untouched on a play that covered 70 yards. Hank Dickerson booted the first of his five perfect conversions.

Burk to Leon
Later in the period Burk, his end J. D. Ison, who made a great leaping catch just as he ran out of the end zone for a touchdown, Rote's long sprint paved the way for Walker to plunge six yards for SMU's first score, but the Bears came back and took a 21-6 halftime lead on Burk's pass to end Harold Williams.

Walker Fumbles
But it was Walker, who fumbled to give Baylor opportunity for its second touchdown, and his gamble on fourth down in the second period that presented Baylor with the ball on SMU 46 led to the third Bear score.

However, the Doaker more than made up for these lapses by his great all-around play and his ever-lasting threat to the Bears. It was the Doaker who took a pass for a touchdown with only eight seconds to go to make the score at least respectable. He was lying flat in the end zone as he caught it.

SMU closed the gap to 28-19 on Rote's touchdown and Walker's first conversion, but the Bears clinched it midway through the last quarter when halfback Arthur Sweet, a former Texas letterman in 1945, scored from the 12.

Houston, Nov. 21. (AP)—The Houston Post said Saturday morning that it would be Rice and Tulane in the Cotton Bowl game Jan. 2 if both win their remaining regular scheduled games.

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