



Roundin' It Up

By CHUCK CABANISS

Saturday's Senior Bowl game in Jacksonville, Fla., finally brought the 1949 (and '50) gridiron season to a close. The 22-13 win of the "Rebels" over the "Yankees" turned out to be something akin to the Dec. 3 SMU-Notre Dame clash.

Just as the Mustang-Irish tilt finally brought Kyle Rote publicity on a national scale after he had been playing in the shadow of highly publicized Doak Walker—so Saturday's tilt added to the stature of Travis Tidwell.

The talented Tidwell, however, won't reap the rewards of his fine play when all-star selections are made next fall, as he has completed his football eligibility at Auburn. Rote, on the other hand, can expect to fall heir to some of the finest pre-season copy that the nation's sports writers can pound out on their typewriters before the Karo Kid begins playing his final year as a Pony this fall.

Lack of pre-season publicity may have been what kept the former Birmingham, Ala., prep star off of the '49 all-everything teams. National propaganda prior to the campaign and during the early season contests was devoted largely to Eddie Price of Tulane and Charlie Hunsinger of Florida as far as Southeastern Conference backs were concerned.

Both Price and Hunsinger failed to take advantage of this "head start" when playing against key opponents and consequently lost out in the final rankings. Tidwell, on the basis of his '49 play, was named the most valuable player in the SEC, yet the only All-American team he was named to was Williamson's.

Tossin' Travis Started Fast

Tidwell's performances this year aren't actually as surprising as they might seem on the surface. The Tiger quarterback as a freshman in 1946 led the entire nation in total offense—topping none other than UT's Bobby Layne.

That was the fall when the Steers temporarily unseated Army from the number one spot in the Associated Press rankings—only to be upset by Rice, Notre Dame, of course, finally nabbed the top spot nationally, aided by Navy's sensational 18-21 battle with Army.

Well, great things were predicted of young Tidwell at the time. But that old injury jinx that plagues so many prospective stars spoiled his next two seasons when he was bothered by a broken ankle, and by the fall of '49 the sports writers had forgotten him.

Tigers Thumped Some Powers

Victims of the Plains Tigers were Mississippi State and Alabama; the tied teams were Florida, Georgia, and Clemson. Even Tulane and Georgia Tech, winners over Auburn, were battered down to the wire for close losses.

Acting as quarterback Saturday for the "Rebels" (athletes from the Southeastern and Southern Conference), Price, Hunsinger, and Herb Rich of Vanderbilt, who played with him.

Not even the opposing "Yankees" (players from the rest of the country, including the SWC) could produce as fine a performer, despite the talent present in the form of Doak Walker, Lynn Chandnois of Michigan State, Eddie LeBaron of College of the Pacific, and Paul Campbell and Ray Borne-man of Texas.

Tidwell also was the outstanding player in the Blue-Gray classic in Montgomery, Ala., last week; by

Clippings from the Sports Fronts

Gayther Nowell, pro at the Bryan golf links and Aggie coach, has requested that all persons desiring to go out for the '50 Cadet golf team contact him at once at his office at the Bryan municipal course.

A&M may have received an assist from "influenza" . . . Arkansas basketball coach Presley Askew has entered a hospital suffering from an attack of the flu. He probably won't be able to accompany the Porkers to Texas for games with Rice and the Aggies (next Thursday, Jan. 12, for the College Station tilt).

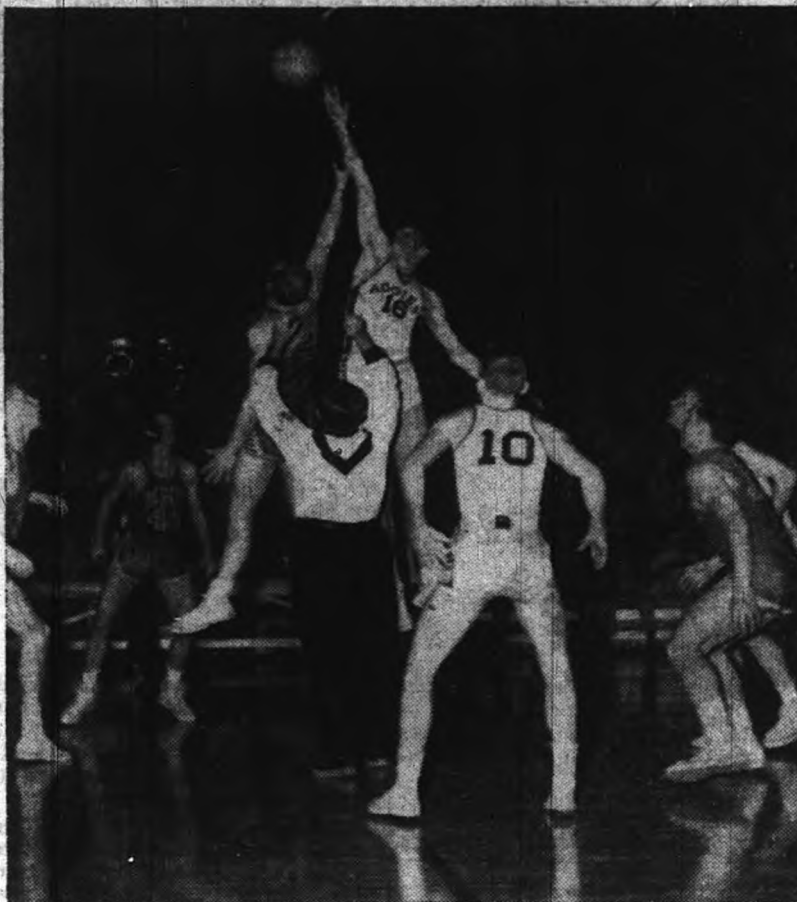
An announcement that the Cadets will meet Michigan State in a grid contest in 1952 means that the Maroons will meet a Big Ten eleven for the first time since

1931 when they trounced Iowa, 29-0. The Spartans should be full-fledged members of that circuit by '52 since only schedule difficulties are keeping them out of the Midwestern conference's championship battles right now.

A&M met the Lansing team once before, in 1934, losing, 13-26, to the Michiganites.

Speaking of football reminds us of the many former Aggie footballers now making good in minor circuits. . . Wendell Stamm, fish end from Jeff Davis in '47, was named to Williamson's Jr. College All-America (he's playing for Panola JC); among Williamson's honorable mention JC players, were tackle "Tiny" Hardin and quarterback Lechler of Wharton (both '47 fish at A&M).

Mustang Tilt Tip-off



Big "Buddy" Davis, 6' 8" Cadet center, outjumps SMU center Paul "Cotton" Mitchell at the beginning of last Wednesday's 53-48 loss to the Mustangs. Ag guard Jewell McDowell (10) is ready to take the tip as Ponies Jack Brown, right; Fred Freeman (42), center, and "Whitey" Holms move into action. Long John DeWitt can be seen behind SMU ace Brown.

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'Mural Basketball Closes This Week

By FRANK N. MANITZAS

Basketball semi-final brackets were completed when E Air Force defeated A Quartermaster 19-12 in DeWare Field House, Friday night. In the basketball-semi-final matches to be played this week E Air Force is pitted against H Air Force and D Infantry meets A Cavalry.

In the basketball game between E Air Force and A QMC, Jack Shugart of the Air Force and V. R. Porter of the Quartermaster team tied for high honors with six points each. Bob Dehoney of E Flight and C. T. Neal of A QMC were two of the outstanding players in the game.

Intramural football reached the quarterfinal stage after two hot, hot, and blue games last week. H Air Force routed the cloak and dagger men of ASA by three penetrations, although the score does not describe the brand of ball displayed by each of the teams. In other game of the week, A Coast Artillery dumped G Air Force out of the playoffs by two penetrations although each team scored.

Hill Stars

John "Podnuh" Hill of H Air Force was the main gun of the airmen. Hill passed, ran, and kicked the ball all over the field. He set up one very probable touchdown with a long pass to Al Sexton, who was downed on the ASA four yard line. ASA's defense was perfect as they held the powerful flyers for four downs and took possession of the pigskin on their own one foot line. In the closing plays of the game, Carl Scudder, ASA back, put on quite an aerial show as the ASA team tried in vain to get back in the ball game.

Jimmy Farrell of A Coast intercepted an air force pass and ran it for more than fifty yards down the sideline to score. The point after touchdown play by the Coastmen was stalled with stellar play from G Flight's line. Nick Holland scored for the flyboys on a pass from Kinsey Hallmark, who threw the ball on a neat Statue of Liberty play. Point after touchdown attempt failed, and the Coastmen went on to win the game by two penetrations.

Playoffs Begin

Quarterfinal playoffs in flag football will begin today with E Infantry battling it out with the Senior Company, A Quartermaster meeting B Engineers, A Infantry tangling with H Air Force, and A Coast Artillery taking to the gridiron against B Infantry.

Horsehoe play continued in spite of the cold weather. C Infantry scored a win over A Vet and A Signal Corps repeated this act with

a win over B Composite. Both games were forfeits. A QMC took a forfeit-win over A Air Force, Chem Warfare pitched a win over Drowned the flaming torch of A Ordnance.

There have been 540 games played this school year in basketball, tennis, football, horseshoes, and handball intramural events. In all of these events there have been 7,311 participants. A&B's intramural program is the largest one of its kind.

Baylor Tosses TU In Cellar, 49-43

Waco, Tex., Jan. 9.—(AP)—The Baylor Bears got back on the winning trail here Saturday defeating the Texas Longhorns, 49-43, in the Southwest Conference opener for the Bruins before 3,200 partisan fans.

The lead in the closely fought game changed hands 12 times, with Baylor taking a final lead with 4 minutes to go in the game, on Odell Preston's goal. Preston added another free throw and with two minutes to go the Bears started freezing the ball. Then taking advantage of Texas personal fouls, the Bruins went on to win their sixth game in thirteen starts.

Don Heathington paced the Bruins with 17 points, before going out with five personal fouls with seven minutes to go. Veteran Tom Hamilton paced the Steers with 13 points.

Michigan State Meets Aggies There in '52

College Station, Tex., Jan. 9.—(AP)—A&M will play Michigan State in football at East Lansing, Mich., Oct. 11, 1952, Athletic Director Barlow Irvin announced today.

A return game between the two schools in Dallas, Houston or College Station may be arranged for 1953 or 1954, Irvin said.

Rebels Defeat Yankees, 22-13; SWC Cuts Off Players' Funds

Monks Wins AFLA Crown In Houston

By JOHN WHITMORE

Gerald Monks, member of the Aggie fencing team, took top place honors at the AFLA Novice Foil competition meet held Saturday in Houston.

This win came as a climax of Monks' winning 14 bouts with no losses. The final point bout was fought with Malcomb Call, Rice fencer. Monk in a spectacular fleches attack struck Call with such force that blade of Monks' foil was bent double. The blade rebounded and flew approximately 30 feet over the heads of the spectators.

This fleches attack is one in which the offensive man lunges, combining the lunge with a run into his opponent. Out of the 14 fleches Monks attempted, 12 were completed.

The only other serious threat to the first place slot was Stewart Hadden, Corpus Navy Station, who lost after a close 5-4 bout. Hadden was the captain of the Yale fencing team before he became a naval officer at Corpus.

Jenness Beaten by Gollob

Out of the eight men who went down from A&M, five made the semi-finals. E. T. Jenness, who has been on the A&M team for only four months, was beaten by Craus Gollob, 5-1. Gollob was the winner of the Houston Prep meet held three weeks ago.

Gollob beat Jenness with a series of fast parry-ripostes. Jenness fought a defensive bout with Carroll Bell from A&M missed the minals by one touch. He lost to Frank Lever, the fifth place winner of last year's meet. Lever is the captain of the Rice team. Bell was in very good form, using many good, clean ripostes and single disengages.

Wilson, Owen Win

Other Aggies who went to the semi-finals were Curtis Wilson and B. L. Owen. Twenty-nine men participated in the meet.

Stewart Hadden came in the second place slot after Monks edged him out. Horace Platt, Rice bladesman, came in third in the meet.

A brief run down of the finals' statistics was: Monks, 5-0; Hadden, 4-1; Platt, 3-2; Lever, also of Rice, 2-3; and Marvin Mercado of the University of Houston's team came in last with 1-4.

The meet was held under the auspices of the Amateur Fencing League of America in the Rice Institute Gym. Part of the A&M team is scheduled to enter a novice sibre and open foil meet which will be held in Galveston next Saturday.

Kentucky Still Wins

Kentucky, a young, rebuilt team, rallied after its 69-58 beating by St. John's and topped DePaul, Purdue, Villanova, Bradley, and Arkansas. The Wildcats won the recent Sugar Bowl tournament.

Some idea of the prowess of the teams that A&M has played can be gained by observing that five of the eight teams that have downed the Aggies are among the 32 top quintets in the 1949-50 LIU is ranked fourth, St. Louis eleventh, and in the group from spot 20 through 32, Oklahoma A&M, Niagara, and Arizona are listed.

Only SMU, Stanford, and California among victors over A&M are not included on the poll.

Poll Results

The top teams (first-place ballots in parenthesis, and records including Tuesday night's games):

Team	Rec.	Pts.
1—St. John's (20)	12-1	695
2—Kentucky (11)	7-1	630
3—Bradley (2)	102	485
4—Long Is. U. (18)	10-1	470
5—Indiana (12)	9-0	418
6—Holy Cross (8)	9-0	315
7—N. C. State (4)	9-1	232
8—Duke (6)	9-0	141
9—UCLA	8-3	140
10—Minnesota (1)	7-1	102

Team	Rec.	Pts.
11—St. Louis	6-1	99
12—Missouri	8-1	94
13—Villanova	7-2	89
14—CCNY (1)	8-2	88
15—Wisconsin	8-2	88
16—Illinois	7-3	66
17—Oklahoma	5-2	64
18—LaSalle	6-2	54
19—Bowling Green	10-4	51
20—Kansas State	9-3	45

Others with 16 or more points included: Washington (10-1), 42; Cincinnati (5-0), 41; Siena (13-0), 39; Oklahoma City U. (11-2), 39; Western Kentucky (6-3), 33; San Francisco (5-4), 31; Oklahoma A&M (7-2), 28; Tulane (9-2), 26; New York U. (1) (5-4), 17; Niagara (8-1), 16; Syracuse (7-1), 16; Arizona (5-1), 16.

Jacksonville, Fla., Jan. 9.—(AP)—Travis Tidwell spun a football web of passes that carried his Rebel All-Stars to a 22-to-13 victory over the Yankees in the Senior Bowl game Saturday.

Charlie Justice of North Carolina and Doak Walker of Southern Methodist lived up to their press notices, but Tidwell was even better.

The little Auburn quarterback, who was named most valuable in Southeastern Conference, got the same honor in this classy field of All-America and all-conference players from every section of the nation.

Tidwell tossed nineteen times to connect on thirteen for an amazing gain of 246 yards. End Art Weiner of North Carolina teamed with Tidwell to make a great combination. He fielded eight of those throws for 159 yards.

Campbell Passing Great

The losing Yankees also had a great passing team in Paul Campbell, Texas quarterback, and Jim Owens, Oklahoma end. Campbell threw twenty-seven times, hit on eighteen for 147 yards.

Only 20,000 fans turned out to see the All-Stars star. But they got a real show out of the fifty players. Besides the aerial fireworks was a demonstration of tough defensive line play by both walls.

Tackle Wade Walker of Oklahoma and Center Clayton Tomme-maker of Minnesota, both All-Americans, led a Yankee line that held the Rebels to forty-six yards by rushing. The Yanks could run for only sixty-three against a Rebel line that was tough from end to end.

Offense Topped Defense

The pass defense looked mighty weak in comparison. But it wasn't that nearly so much as the accuracy with which Tidwell, Campbell and Eddie LeBaron of College of the Pacific could drop that ball in the right spot.

Key kick returns by Justice and Doak Walker added to the thrills. Walker started the Yanks off to their first score with a run-back for fifty-seven yards.

Justice opened the way to two Rebel touchdowns. He went 26 to begin the first drive and 29 to start the last.

Tidwell threw to Herb Rich, Vanderbilt back, for a 55-yard punt that scored the first Rebel 6-pointer. On fourth down he set one in the arms of John O'Quinn, Wake Forest end, for 13 yards and the second.

Price Scores TD

Another Tidwell to Rich toss cov-

ered most of 33 yards in the final touchdown march. Eddie Price, Tulane fullback, scored it with a 1-foot smacker.

Dick Sheffield, Tulane, booted two extra points and the Rebels picked up another pair when Jim Duncan, Wake Forest, blocked one of LeBaron's kicks.

Before the Rebels got started, the Yankees had their scoring fling. Taking it from D. Walker's 57-yard runback, they moved 32 yards in a hurry. Lynn Chandnois, Michigan State, rammed over from the 4.

Darrel Royal of Oklahoma, who played only defense because of a bad leg, started the Yankees off to a 76-yard scoring march with a pass interception—the only one off Tidwell's arm. LeBaron threw to Owens on a 46-yard scoring pass. D. Walker kicked one extra point.

Jacksonville, Fla., Jan. 9.—(AP)—Seven players who participated in Saturday's Senior Bowl game were dropped from the athletic scholarship rolls of their colleges, it was disclosed here.

Billy Pearce, general manager of the Senior Bowl, said three schools of the Southwest Conference announced they would cut off funds of the players because they got cash awards for playing in the post-season game here.

The players included: Ray Borne-man and Paul Campbell of Texas University; Dick McKissick, Jack Halliday and Doak Walker of Southern Methodist; Theron Roberts of Arkansas; and J. B. Ison of Baylor.

Winners Received \$475

The 26 winning players in the North-South bout each got \$475 as their share of the gate receipts and the 24 losers each was awarded \$343. Pearce said none refused the money.

Although no suspended player indicated he would have to drop out of school for lack of funds, Pearce was indignant about the action. He said he also had contacted many of the alumni of the four schools and they all told him they felt the schools were "ungrateful."

If the schools actually do this, according to the alumni he contacted, they are going to start a drive for funds to reimburse every player for what he loses.

Pearce said that, as an example of the high esteem the new bowl has won, two large cities already have contacted him to offer to play host to this bowl next year.

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