

Directing the Aggies to the 27-7 tie with SMU last year, Dick Gardemiel is the only quarterback letterman on the A&M football team.

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Prediction Excuses; All About OU's Bud

By FRANK N. MANITZAS
Battalion Sports Editor

Only the Texas Aggies are coming through according to form.

On our predictions, we mean. Last week we picked the Cadets to defeat the Texas Tech Red Raiders by 21 points. The score, mind you, was 34-13.

As usual, we were wrong a few times, three to be exact. "Oh ye on the Battalion Staff of little faith towards SWC teams. SMU, and Rice were supposed to fall, according to our predictions, last week, but only one team hit the dust—you guessed it, neither one of the previously mentioned but TCU.

But explanations are in order. Oklahoma A&M, who defeated the Horned Frogs, 13-7, had just the previous week upset favored Arkansas, 12-7. Our score was set at 14-6 in favor of the Frogs, almost exactly opposite that of the final count.

A similar incident occurred concerning the Rice-Santa Clara game, which we picked to be won by Santa Clara, 21-6, but Rice won, 27-7. Explanation: something went wrong in the print shop.

SMU came back in the final few minutes to mess up our upset which we had planned on the Ponies, defeating Ohio State, 32-27. We had given the Buckeyes a seven point advantage, 14-7.

TU proved that they had it when they outscored the Purdue Boilermakers, 34-26, when we expected only a 14-13 score in favor of the Longhorns. Baylor was another winner, dumping the University of Houston, 34-7. Fourteen points more than predicted.

Arkansas also came through, although much stronger than expected, downing the North Texas State eleven, 50-6. This coming weekend's SWC games will be predicted in a very unusual manner, but one which should prove more effective. We hope so.

Gridiron Galahad—Bud Wilkinson

(Editor's Note: The following commentary is taken or based on Francis Wallace's story in the October 14 issue of Collier's which has the same title as above.)

In 1937 Charles (Bud) Wilkinson won the Big Ten medal given annually by the University of Minnesota to the senior most outstanding in scholarship and athletics—an award which implies future promise as a citizen. Bud has come through.

Today, at thirty four, he must be included in any list of outstandingly useful and versatile young Americans. He is athletic Director and head coach of the University of Oklahoma—reigning Coach of the Year by vote of his colleagues. His salary is \$15,000 plus what he earns from the usual lucrative side lines, and he could write his own ticket at any number of major colleges.

People like Bud Wilkinson, like to be around him. His nickname is the tipoff; he's been "Bud" to everybody as long as anybody can remember, even to his players who treat him as a fraternal brother and social equal—an invaluable asset to a coach.

The capsule explanation of his coaching success is that his squad reflects his personality. His lads play hard and rough but keep clean unless perhaps the other fellows have to be taught to behave like gentlemen.

Most Stars Lost—By Graduation or Pro Raiders

When Bud took over Tatum's position, most of the stars had graduated or the raiders had stepped in. Also replacements had to be found because the freshman rule was coming back into operation. After losing two and tying one of the first five games in 1947, the faint baying of the alumni wolves began to be heard.

Bud met his first coaching crisis by shaking up the team, benching the lackadaisical ex-GI regulars and starting younger men who had the "desire" to play.

Since then and to the start of this season his teams won 27 of 29 games—the last 22 straight, including two Sugar Bowl engagements. OU, founded in 1892, last year had its first perfect season since 1915, was ranked second only to Notre Dame in the mythical rankings.

Bud has quite a staff helping him keep the Sooners on top in national ratings. Gomer Jones, coaches the line; Frank (Pop) Ivy, the ends; George Lynn, the backfield; and Bill Jennings, the freshmen.

Here is the record of what last year's team did:

- Had the best defense against opponent's rushing, allowing an average of 55.6 per game, and 1.6 per carry.
- Had the best rushing record in college football, gaining 320.3 net yards per game, and averaging 5.6 per carry.
- Completed 55 of 112 passes for 890 yards, 11 touchdowns, and 49.1 per cent of completions.
- Allowed the opposition to complete 129 of 290 attempted passes for 1,471 yards and a 44.5 average.

Sample of Sooner's Technique

As a sample of the Sooner's technique, here's how a typical play operates: The Sooners huddle; the quarterback gives the play; they line up and the linemen make their splits. The defense moves to meet these splits. The quarterback, observing, may—while he calls his signals—order a change of direction of key blocks; or the key blockers may themselves decide to change the direction of their blocks (they may have individual options depending on the movements of the defense); or, if, as a result of this finessing any man sees that his block is not necessary, he can go out for the linebacker.

Another more specific example is Oklahoma's fullback counter play off the split-T which was used against Santa Clara's Orange Bowl champions last November. Fullback Leon Heath ran 81 yards for a touchdown. The play starts deceptively to the left with three backs, including quarterback (at that time) Darrell Royal faking in that direction. Royal takes two steps to the left, then swings back, hands off to Heath, and retreating, fakes to throw a forward pass.

Key blocks on this play are the cross blocks thrown by right tackle Dean Smith on the linebacker, right guard Clair Mayes on one guard, and a double block by guard Dee Andros and center Harry Moore on

QB Club Set To Meet Friday

Quarterback session number two for the season begins Friday at 7:30 p. m. in the Assembly Hall.

Highlight of the evening's festivities will be the movie of Aggie 34-13 scalping of the Texas Tech Red Raiders. The rout gave the Aggies their second victory in a row, having toppled Nevada at Sacramento, Calif. in their season opener.

This week the Aggie eleven tackles Oklahoma in an effort to gain victory number three and stop the Sooner's winning string at 22. Dick Todd, Aggie backfield coach, who scouted the Sooner's impressive 28-0 win over Boston College last weekend was originally scheduled to report to the club Friday, but pressing coaching duties have made it impossible for him to be present.

Two tickets to the Oklahoma game will be awarded the winner of last week's score guessing contest. The contest will run again this week and every week until the tenth and final meeting on Tuesday Oct. 5.

An entry blank is on today's Quarterback page but one may be secured at the Assembly Hall Friday night. The contest is open to everyone. Names of the winners will appear in the Monday or Tuesday edition of the Battalion.

Local business men in Bryan make this contest possible by purchasing the ad space found on the Quarterback page. No admission is charged for attending the meeting or entering the contest.

Meeting night for the club, which is usually Thursday, was moved to Friday because of the Aggie Fish-Allen Academy game that is to be played on Kyle Field tonight.

Starting Lineup

Here is the starting offensive lineup, according to Coach Perron Shoemaker: Left end, Bernard Petty; left tackle, John Gibbins; left guard, Bill Burtchall; center, Calvin Billings; right guard, Lewis Capt; right tackle, Jerry Cotter; right end, Bobby Price; quarterback, Johnny Salyer; left halfback, Buck Gibson; right halfback, Donal Criswell; and fullback, Pete Mayeaux.

The starting defensive line will be the same as the offensive alignment, Shoemaker said.

Comprising the secondary will

Fish Footballers Open Season With Allen Tonight On Kyle

By HAROLD GANN

Another promising A&M Fish Team, composed of two all-Americans, seven all-stars, and numerous all-district and regional players, will test its potentialities tonight on Kyle Field, meeting twice-beaten Allen Academy at 7:30.

"We're not in good condition... what I mean is we're not in real good condition," comments Coach Perron Shoemaker. "Since we have been emphasizing fundamentals, the team needs more co-ordination and finesse."

Severely stomped this season by the Brooke Army Medics of San Antonio, 26-7, and Victoria J.C., 61-12, the Ramblers rebounded last Saturday with a 12-0 victory over Weatherford J.C.

The Quarterback Club Meeting, originally scheduled for tomorrow evening, has been moved to Friday night in order to accommodate for as large a turnout as possible.

Rice Scrimmages For LSU Game

Houston, Oct. 5—(AP)—Rice Coach Jess Neely is hopeful but will not try to pick a winner for Saturday's game here between his Owls and Louisiana State.

Neely sent his Owls through a long scrimmage session yesterday as he continued to concentrate on improving his team's blocking.

Sonny Wyatt, left halfback, has missed rough workouts for two days but Neely was confident Wyatt will be ready Saturday night.

Wyatt received a bruised leg in last week's Santa Clara game.

be Bob Gosney, Salyer, and Billings at linebackers; Mayeaux and Criswell at halves, and Gibson at safety.

Salyer, an all state back from Austin, has been termed as "a pretty fair passer by Shoemaker. Pressing Salyer for the quarterback position is Alton Fox of Cameron.

"Touchdown Twins"

Gibson and Criswell, two fleet backs from Rising Star, may be termed the "Touchdown Twins" before the season is over, because they resemble each other in size and stature and they play at the halfback slots.

The 178-pound Criswell averaged 17 yards per carry last year, making 42 touchdowns to lead state high school competitors in scoring with 257 points. He amassed a

total of 423 markers during high school.

Criswell, an inch taller than Gibson's 6-1 and four pounds heavier than his running mate's 174, cinched a berth on the all-regional team.

Mayeaux, a hard-charging fullback from DeQuincy, La., is expected to fulfill his all-state rating. Bud Rollins, the all star and honorable mention all-American from Wink, has left school.

It is not known at this writing whether Rollins will return. The highly promising back received a knee injury this summer, and will not be able to play this season.

Perkins—All-Stater

Other backs slated to see action are George Perkins, an all-stater from Louisiana; Clay Cutler, all-stater from Champagne, Ill., and Johnny Caviler, and honorable mention all-stater from Austin.

Billings and Gosney, the two centers who will combine to back up the line, have been classed by Shoemaker as "good competitors."

Coming from Sulphur, La., Billings was on the all-America high school second team. Gosney is from Handley, a Class A school where he was recognized as an all stater.

Jerry Cotter, an all state lineman from Class A Champion Littlefield, and John Gibbins of Uvalde comprise the tackle posts.

Don Goodwin, another stalwart tackle who made the all state team while playing at Arlington, will not play tomorrow because of an injured knee.

Guard Lewis Capt, the lightest

man on the starting eleven, at 180, made all-region at Uvalde. Bill Burtchall, the all state guard from New Orleans, is of conference calibre.

Two Sturdy Ends

Shoemaker has found two sturdy, capable ends in Bobby Price and Bernard Petty. Price was partly responsible for the West's 14-12 victory over the East in an all-star football game. He kicked the two extra points.

Price is a class A all-stater from Haskell. Petty made all district at San Angelo.

Though the same personnel will not be present, the freshmen carry a two game winning streak into the game, which begins at 7:30.

After a 20-21 loss to the TCU Wogs, last year's Fish defeated the Rice Blue Bolts, 20-0, and the Texas Shortorns, 12-0.

For the last two seasons A&M has fielded strong freshmen units. The 1948 team, coached by Barlow Irwin, won four and dropped one.

The 1949 team won three while losing two—to Baylor and to TCU.

Baylor to Rest

Waco, Tex., Oct. 5—(AP)—Baylor's football team ran through a brief practice session yesterday and coach George Sauer announced he'd hold no more rough workouts this week.

Stan Williams, top left end who hurt his shoulder last week, may not be able to play this week against Mississippi State.

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