

VMI Eleven Has Proven OK To Coach Nugent

By FRED WALKER

"Our ball club, though inexperienced, could find itself even in the opening game . . . they get better as they get more games behind them."

This is what coach Tom Nugent had to say of his Virginia Military Institute Keydets, who roar into Kyle Field tomorrow night at 8.

Nugent went on to state in this pre-season press conference that "Our success against William & Mary will depend largely upon how well the un-tried newcomers to the team can hold up under fire." The coach wasn't disappointed for his fired-up Keydets ripped by favored William & Mary 25 to 19.

Led by 192 lb. fullback "Joltin' Joe" Stump, VMI will bring a 2-1 record to College Station. After ripping favored William & Mary in their opener, a strong George Washington eleven toppled them

15-12, but VMI rebounded in their third contest and defeated arch-rival Richmond 26-14.

Stump—'Big Man'

The "big man" on the ground is Stump, who stands 10th among the national ground gainers with 334 yards in 65 tries. Right behind "Joltin' Joe" is Bruiser Bob with 332 yards. And don't think that Stump isn't fast. He was recruited from the track team where he was fooling around with the 100 in 10.1 which makes him the fastest man on the football squad.

Couple Stump with quarterback Jimmy Coley and you have two men that can promise trouble to any defense. To date Coley has completed 25 of 54 passes for 420 yards and the position of 19th among the nation's tossers. He can run with that ball, too. Against William & Mary he rambled six times for an average of 10.6 yards. In total offense, Coley ranks 11th in the nation with 493 yards.

A questionable offensive starter is 155 lb. scabbard Fred Anson, who would have been top left half-back and team kicker. Nugent still has hopes for him though, and he may still see service as safety man.

Halfbacks

Taking over halfback duties for Anson and George Chumbley—injured right halfback—will be John Portasik and Chuck Dinninger. In the first two games Dinninger has carried 10 times for an average of 12.7. Portasik is a newcomer to the starting eleven, but Nugent has high hopes for him as Portasik replaces five-yard-per man Billy Vaughn.

Racing down from the right end position will be 6' 2" Neal Petree who has caught 12 passes for 280 yards. This is good enough to hold down the 9th place among the nation's top snappers. Last year he caught 20—three for touchdowns—and handled part-time punting chores for 40 yards per.

VMI's Captain, center Kerby Bernich, weighs only 170, but he played such an outstanding game against William & Mary that he was named Virginia's "Lineman of the Week." On offense, he was the top blocker, and as a linebacker, Bernich teamed with center George Robison and defensive fullback Paul (Moose) Hudson to stop the Indian offense. W & M was able to

penetrate only 86 yards with their fast attack.

The Keydet offensive line will average 191 and the defensive six-man crew weighs in a 196. 180 will be the average for the offensive backfield, while the defense tips the scales at 174.

According to AP reports, there has been no rest for the Keydets as Coach Tom Nugent put the varsity through a scrimmage that lasted an hour and a half. Nugent's offensive team worked on improving their kicking game in anticipation of having to do a lot of punting against A&M.

VMI comes here with a team that would rather beat the Aggies—a bigger ROTC school—than date Lexington girls. They have their pass offense—which was already better than good—clicking like a tabulator, and with such boys as "Joltin' Joe" Stump, locomoting that leather, the Aggies will have to be on their toes to BEAT VMI.

Pair of OU-TU Ducats Cost \$40

Sherman, Tex., Oct. 13—(AP)—A pair of end zone tickets for the Texas-Oklahoma University game in Dallas Saturday was sold here yesterday for \$40. But not to a scalper. Irvin Suckle paid the price at an auction held during the Kiwanis club luncheon. The money goes to the club's charity fund.

Prognosticals . . .

TU, SMU Picked to Win

New York, Oct. 13—(AP)—And you think that Coach Frank Leahy would feel bad because Purdue defeated Notre Dame last Saturday? That was only one defeat. This pillar of pigskin prognostication had 25 such setbacks the same day—its worst record in eight years.

But Notre Dame hopes to start a new victory string Saturday and the hope is echoed here.

Army vs Michigan: Cadet coaches say that Chuck Ortman's condition will determine who wins. The Michigan back was hurt in the Michigan State defeat and hasn't played since. But even if he is at his best, the Cadets appear to have the edge. Army.

Oklahoma vs Texas: Texas is reported to have only mediocre backs but the best line, from end to end, in college football. That should be more than enough to end the Oklahoma victory string at 23. The Sooners had plenty of trouble last week with much weaker Texas A&M. Texas.

Santa Clara vs Stanford: This simply isn't the Santa Clara team of last year which was good enough

VMI Head Mentor



Head Football Coach Tom Nugent

MS League . . .

Bulls Grab Kegler Lead Over AF

The Bulls grabbed the lead in the Military Bowling League during the week, and they now hold an 8-4, won-lost record. Close behind are the Air Force Non Coms with a 7-5 match scoring.

This completed the third week of bowling in the Memorial Student Center's alleys for the only league now in operation.

Set with a group of rules compiled by the four teams—the other two not mentioned are the Flyers and the Army Non-Coms—the MS league is rolling along to the satisfaction of everyone concerned.

Using the handicap plan, the bowlers planned the entire setup so as to give all of the bowlers an equal chance in the scoring.

Along with the team handicap used, absenteeism and blind scores are also included in the rule setup.

Scoring wins and losses is set up on the following basis:

- The high team, including handicap, for each game will be credited with one point.

- The team bowling the highest "raw" score, the total of all three games not including handicap, will be credited with one point.

In order to create a higher and keener sense of competition, the Military League has formed a "split season" system; each half of the season consisting of fifteen matches competition.

Dues are charged each time the team bowls. However, not all of the money is used the same evening by the league. Approximately 15 per cent is stored as prize money and will be distributed at the end of the season on a strictly cold cash basis.

In case of ties playoff rulings are also included in the regulations.

Team	Won	Lost
Bulls	8	4
AF Non-Coms	7	5
Flyers	6	6
Army Non-Coms	3	9

Porkers, Bears Vie In Conference Tilt

By DOWELL PETERSON

All of the Southwest Conference teams will see action tomorrow with two of the elevens pitted against each other in a conference battle. A&M will open its home season against the VMI Keydets, and everyone on the Aggie lineup seems to be ready and able for the contest.

Arkansas and the Baylor Bears will clash at Fayetteville, Ark., with the Razorbacks holding a slight edge. Last week the Porkers lost their first league battle to the TCU Frogs, 6-13, while the Bruins upset the favored Mississippi Staters with a sparkling fourth quarter, 14-7.

The Associated Press reports that the Hogs have been working with the freshmen in preparation for the contest and Head Coach Otis Douglas is commending the improvement of the running of back Ross Pritchard.

Baylor—New Injuries

Baylor reported new injuries and more cases of bad colds. In a brief scrimmage, lineman Luke Welch, John Hancock, and Joe Mehaffey all received twisted ankles.

Perhaps the biggest and most bustling football city in America tomorrow will be Dallas where

the first double header of major college football will be held. Crowds numbering over 150,000 are expected to be on hand for both of the games—the day game between unbeaten Oklahoma A&M, and the night event between third team in the nation Oklahoma and fourth of the same Texas.

TU is worried about Byron Townsend, who has been out most of the week with a twisted knee but is expected to start tomorrow night, while the rest of the team, according to head coach Cherry Blair, "is in pretty good shape."

TCU's Hopes High

The TCU Frogs will meet the wireless Texas Tech Red Raiders and hopes are up for the Christians who will have the services of Fullback Malvin Fowler. Fowler has been out of the line-up since the opening game when he was injured.

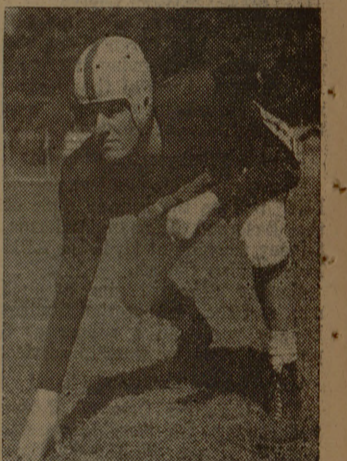
Tech will be trying hard for an upset, having lost last Saturday to an underdog West Texas eleven.

Quarterback Vernon Glass of the Rice Owls will probably be tossing passes like mad against Pittsburgh tomorrow when the two teams meet at the latter's home grounds. Coach Jess Neely of the Owls readily admitted to the Associated Press that the majority of damage done against the easterners was through the air, "so I guess we'll have to chuck them."

Last week Glass ran the LSU Tigers wild with his sharp passing and ball handling which is proving to be near the best in the conference.



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VMI Fullback



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