

Oklahoma Takes 1st Place In AP Polling

Oklahoma, Army, and Kentucky took over the first three places in the Associated Press Football Rating Poll over the past weekend of play.

A&M, who ranked 12th last week, fell out of the top twenty, but Texas kept its fifth place spot while SMU dropped from 14th to 15th place.

Powerful Oklahoma, unbeaten in 29 straight games, ran away from the other contenders with a total of 2,964 points, 526 better than runner-up Army.

More than half of the football writers and sportscasters ranked Oklahoma in the No. 1 spot after its 41-7 romp over Missouri. The Sooners were second last week.

Army lost first place support as it shaded Stanford 7-0, in a mud battle but the Cadets picked up enough points to advance a notch from last week's position. Only 36 put Army first compared to 72 a week ago.

Kentucky Draws Attention
Kentucky drew attention with its 83-0 rout of North Dakota, moving from fifth to a strong third place with 55 firsts.

There were no changes in the top 10 membership. Four teams held the same positions. The biggest shuffle was Ohio State's drop from first to eighth.

After the first three came California, Texas, Illinois and Princeton. Ohio State was followed by

Tennessee and Michigan State in that order. Only Michigan State has completed its schedule.

OU Has 8-0
Oklahoma (8-0) has two more games to play. After its test with 16th ranked Nebraska Saturday, the Sooners wind up with Oklahoma A&M Army (8-0) plays Navy Dec. 2 in its last game.

Kentucky (10-0) tangles with ninth-ranked Tennessee (8-1) in Saturday's most important game. It will be Kentucky's finale but Tennessee also must play Vanderbilt Dec. 2. Tennessee polished off Mississippi 35-0 last Saturday to hold its ninth ranking.

San Francisco threw quite a scare into California (9-0) before the California Bears finally won it, 13-7. Stanford is the only barrier in California's path to the Rose Bowl.

TU To Play 2 More
Texas (7-1), a 21-7 winner over Texas Christian, has two to play—Nov. 30 and Louisiana State Dec. 9. But they have already clinched the Southwest Conference crown and a Cotton Bowl appearance.

Illinois' upset of Ohio State, 14-7, brought its season record to 7-1. Wisconsin was the only team to defeat Illinois, 7-6, in early season. Northwestern is the final opponent on the Illini schedule.

Unbeaten Princeton nailed down its fourth straight big three title by whipping Yale, 47-12. They finish their season with Dartmouth Saturday.

Ohio State (6-2) needs a win over Michigan Saturday to be sure of the Western Conference championship.

Michigan State ended its season, bowing over Pittsburgh 19-0. —Based on AP Reports.

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Leading Punt Returner



Yale Lary

This stocky Cowtownner has returned nine punts this season for 209 yards and an average of 23.2 yards per return. Yale, a junior, ranks third in SWC punting with a 39.4 yard average and is tied for fifth place among the leading scorers with 36 points for the six times that he entered paydirt.

Smith Paces Aggs In SWC Statistics

By RALPH E. GORMAN, JR.

Maybe they aren't in the running for the conference title today, but they are still in line for a bowl bid on Jan. 1 and are a mighty impressive team.

That's Harry Stiteler's Aggies we're talking about!

They've come a long way through the dry years of the past decade. A&M's gridiron eleven has done better than was anticipated in pre-season propaganda.

In nine games the Cadets have bettered the "fifty-fifty in 1950" that former students were looking for and still a game remains to be played. Sure the Cadets haven't won all of their games, but if one will stop and think, A&M is a member of the Southwest Conference... the most unpredictable of them all... and if the Maroon and White doesn't don a jersey another time this season, they've played their hearts out and have shown that they can come back.

Against rugged opposition the Aggies have run up a rushing total of 2,567 yards to lead their nearest opponent, Arkansas, by over 900 yards. Combine this with the 894 yards that the Stitelermen have garnered through the etheral region, and A&M ranks as the top offensive team in the SWC.

Smith "Possibility", Now "Reality"

Over a quarter of a million fans have witnessed the amazing running game of Bruisin' Bob Smith, who, you might remember, was billed as a "possibility" for the 1950 grid campaign, but half the sport's world will agree today that this 139 pound fullback from Houston is a REALITY.

Chances of this former all-state high school back remaining a possibility were erased near the start of the season, as Bruisin' Bob has led the SWC ball-carriers and scorers throughout the season.

Two weeks ago the Cadet All-American candidate took over the lead of the individual offensive leaders and remained there this week. Even when a strong Owl forward wall stood up against him will all their power, he still gained 101 yards, more than any other

fullback in the conference over the weekend.

Bruisin' Bob leads the SWC stars in three divisions—total individual offense, ground gaining, and scoring. He leads the first two with the same statistics, as he is the only one of the top five offensive stars who performs strictly in the rushing game.

A net total of 1,225 yards has been amassed by the rambling Houstonian in 178 plays to show an average 6.9 yards per carry. This grand total, as well as the per carry average, exceed all other totals and averages of the leading stars in SWC play.

In nine games Bob has scored 84 points in the 14 times that he crossed the double stripe. Saturday's game with Rice was the only game of the nine in which he failed to score.

Yale Lary is the only other Cadet holding first place—punt returning. Nine times the ball has come falling off the booming feet of the opponents, and the stocky Cowtownner has returned the pigskin back up the field 209 yards for an average of 23.2 yards per return.

Following up in the leading ball carrier's division in second, third, fourth, and fifth places are Texas' Byron Townsend, SMU's Kyle Rote, Rice's George Glauser, and Baylor's James Jeffrey.

A&M's Bill Tidwell and Glenn

Lippman, the men who balance the halfback position in the Cadet's starting offense, are in the No. 6 Byron Townsend, SMU's Kyle Rote, and No. 7 spots in ball toting. Tidwell has an average of 6.6 yards per carry and a net gain of 462 yards, while Lippman has netted 455 yards and an average of 5.2

Gardemal Leading Cadet Passer

Dandy Dick Gardemal, Cadet man-under, ranks eighth among the leading passers having completed 26 of the 49 aeriels attempted for a completion percentage of .531 and a net gain of 400 yards. Six of the 49 tosses from the arm of the Aggie diminutive quarterback have carried into paydirt and only four have fallen into the hands of the opposition.

SMU's Fred Benners and Baylor's Larry Isbell are the top men in the passing game with Benners out in front carrying a completion percentage of .578 for his 154 attempts. Benners' aeriels have netted the Musangs a total of 1,164

yards and 54 points on nine scoring plays.

Isbell holds the record in scoring plays on passes with 12 touchdown tosses among the 71 passes that he has completed in his 147 attempts. In the punting division Isbell leads the league with a 41.1 yards per boot average on his 47 kicks. Arkansas' Louis Schaufele is second to Isbell with an even 40 yard average.

A&M's Lary is the No. 3 man among the punters with a 39.4 yard average for his 60 times to punt, having punted five times against Rice for an average of 42.4.

Hillhouse Top Scoring End
Baylor's Harold Riley is the top man in the pass catching game with 29 times that he has been on the receiving end of the pass play for a total of 458 yards and three TD's.

A&M's candidate for top honors at the end post, Andy Hillhouse, is fifth among the pass catching stars, having caught 18 in nine games for a total gain of 351 yards, while six have carried on into the promised land for 36 points, making him the highest scoring end in the conference.

Ranking in the top nine scorers of the conference are four other Cadets who have teamed with Smith in the nine games of the

LEGAL HOLIDAY

Thursday, November 23, 1950 being a Legal Holiday, in observance of Thanksgiving Day, the undersigned will observe that date as a Legal Holiday and not be open for business.

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Fish Meet TU Frosh Nov. 23 On Kyle Field

The Aggie Fish eleven and the Texas University Shorthorns will clash Thursday afternoon at 2:30 on Kyle Field for the fourth annual Ben Hur Shrine Benefit game.

A&M's Fish grabbed the lead in the Shrine Benefit series last year when they shut out the Frosh, 14-0. The previous year the Fish defeated the Texans, 13-0.

This year it will undoubtedly be a different story as both teams are expected to score, although neither has a credible record. The Aggies have won one while losing three and the Shorthorns are in a similar position.

Record Attendance

Last year's game in Austin attracted 16,000 fans—a record-breaker for a freshman game in the Southwest. The previous high was 12,000 set in 1948 when the Aggie and Texas freshman elevens clashed on Kyle Field.

The Aggie Fish record is: Aggie Fish 33, Allen Academy 20; Baylor Cubs 39, Aggie Fish

0; T.C.U. Wogs 60, Aggie Fish 0; and Rice Owlets 52, Aggie Fish 7.

The Shorthorns' record: Baylor Cubs 12, Shorthorns 0; Rice Owlets 20, Shorthorns 16; Colts 13, Shorthorns 0; and Shorthorns 26, TCU Wogs 13.

To End Season

The Texas Thanksgiving Day game will end the season for both teams.

A special train will carry Austin fans to the game. It will leave Austin at 8:30 a.m. the morning of the contest and return immediately after the game. Round trip tickets cost \$3.28 with a special price of \$1.64 for kids under 12. Game tickets sell for \$1.50 each.

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Battalion SPORTS

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Maroon & White... Sports Chatter

Just as Aggies are today preparing for the annual Turkey Day tilt with TU, so were the Aggies of 1906.

The following article appeared in the Battalion of 1906:

"Mr. R. J. Potts has suggested that the boys who attend the T. U. game at Austin wear red arm bands on which will be the white 'T'. He thinks these bands will be more effective than will be a few ribbons and one or two pennants here and there.

They should be a good advertisement for the school, and should show A&M's rooters wherever one of them appears. We are glad that the students are so quick to adopt this suggestion, as evidenced by the orders for the armlets. We hope to see every A&M man in Austin, Thanksgiving Day, wearing the red and white and carrying a pennant."

The T. U. boys were a bit lucky back in 1906. They outscored the Farmers 0-24.

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Southwest Conference Ramblings

With the Southwest Conference football season coming to a close, bowl bids and All-America honors, as well as the All-Conference awards, are being considered... Texas U is the only team that has a definite bowl bid, since they are the undisputed champs of the league and will play in the Cotton Bowl Jan. 1st, against either Tennessee or Kentucky...

At A&M Coach Harry Stiteler gave the Cadets a two-day rest to recover from their Saturday loss to Rice 21-13... It will be back to work Wednesday for the Aggies as they will start preparing for their final scheduled game of the season on Turkey Day (Nov. 30th) against the Longhorns... the Aggies came out in good shape from their weekend loss with no serious injuries reported...

Southern Methodist University's varsity football team took it easy in practice, but the reserves got a good workout, yesterday...

"About all the varsity did was run around the field," Coach H. N. (Rusty) Russell commented after the practice...

Russell said tackle Bobby Collier may miss action in the Baylor game Saturday because of a back injury. Otherwise the squad came out of last week's 14-7 victory over (See ARKANSAS, Page 4)

In Williamson Poll

A&M Drops to 30th; TU 3rd

The Fightin' Texas Aggies suffered their worst set-back in the Williamson Ratings since October 31 as they fell from sixth to 30th following the shocking upset by Rice.

Three weeks ago A&M had plummeted from eighth to 39th after they had been upset by Baylor, but since that time they had climbed steadily upwards to notch their last-week's sixth spot.

The eleven whom the Aggies almost beat—Oklahoma University—not only extended its unbeaten, untied string to 29, but almost ran away from other competitors as they grabbed the cherished No. 1 place. The Sooners recorded a 99.7 rating while second-place Kentucky managed only 99.2. Five-tenths of a point is quite a bit in Williamson's computations.

The nation's top ten Williamson teams are: 1) Oklahoma, 2) Kentucky, 3) Texas, 4) Army, 5) California, 6) Princeton, 7) Illinois, 8) SMU, 9) Ohio State and 10) Ten-

nessee. Filling out the second ten are: 11) Pennsylvania, 12) Alabama, 13) Clemson, 14) Wyoming, 15) Michigan State, 16) Michigan U., 17) Rice, 18) Wisconsin, 19) Baylor and 20) Wake Forest.

Illinois was the only newcomer to the big ten this week, while A&M was the only drop. The most radical change, however, was the slipping from first to fourth of the Black Knights of the Hudson. A narrow squeak of only a seven point margin over the twice-beaten, once-tied Stanfords Indians is attributed to Army's four-notch fall.

Unbeaten and untied, the Golden Bears from California failed to move from the No. 5 post, while once-beaten Texas managed to move up one place by taking TCU 21-7. Only five of the first ten

teams are able to boast unbeaten, untied records—Oklahoma, Kentucky, Army, California and Princeton. Texas, Illinois and Tennessee have been beaten once while Ohio State and SMU have suffered two setbacks each.

A&M Foes Rated
Opponents of the Aggies are scattered considerably throughout the Ratings. Conquerors of the Maroon and White—Oklahoma, Rice and Baylor are rated first, 17th and 19th in that order. SMU, TCU, Arkansas, Texas Tech, VMI and Nevada—the fallen foes of A&M—are ranked eighth, 43rd, 63rd, 79th, 103rd and 275th consecutively. Tentative bowl opponent, Maryland, is currently rated 27th. Last week, Williamson stated:

"Readers will note that the System ranks according to what is, not what ought to be. That is, it ranks teams in the most consistent manner according to the actual results of the season, by the old 'who beat who' argument."

The System fell below the 80, plus mark last week for the first time in many weeks, but Williamson took it very philosophically, saying:

"The week of upsets, which the Williamson System has been observing every year for 18 years, cropped up for 1950 last week. It was the first time in many years that the System had suffered so many upsets against its pre-game ratings in both upper and minor circles. Out of 69 major games reported, 15 were upsets against the ratings for a percentage of 78.3. Overall, the picture was worse. Out of a total of 288 games reported, there were 56 upsets and four ties for which there was no explanation, for a general percentage of 77.4."

Among the upsets to which Williamson refers was Rice over A&M, Illinois over Ohio State, Harvard over Brown, Idaho over Boston University, Navy over Columbia and Minnesota over Purdue.

Williamson Predictions
For the games of the first Thanksgiving—November 23—a n d the following Friday and Saturday Williamson says these are good choices:

"Take Columbia over Brown; Wyoming without much trouble over Denver; Memphis State, which nearly upset Vanderbilt, over Louisiana Tech.

Saturday will bring up some



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'Mural News

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Amid a chilling Monday afternoon intramurals rolled into its eighth week of play. Forfeits were prevalent throughout the day.

Basketball

Co. 10 and Co. 9 met in a grudge battle at 5 p. m. but the anticipated close game did not ensue as Co. 10 routed their opponents, 16-6. Bigham of Co. 10 was the high point man of the afternoon with six counters. Co. 10 led at halftime 8-4.

Roy tallied six points to pace Sqdn. 12 to an easy 20-7 victory over Co. 8.

Co. 7 waltzed to a 29-9 win over Co. 11's "trouser fish." Lockshin was the big gun in the Co. 7 attack with nine points. His teammate, Petty was close behind as he looped the hoop with eight digits.

CWS stormed to a 20-8 win over B Composite as Pipes led the winners, scoring 10 points. Jones was second in the scoring column with eight.

Football

On the final play of the game, Schmidt of D AF crossed the pay stripe to place his team in a tie with E FA and on the next play crossed the treasured stripe again, to hand the airmen a 13-7 win over the artillerymen.

In one of the closest matched games of the afternoon in which both teams netted the same number of penetrations, B FA stopped L AF 6-0.

E AF dropped B CAC 6-0; A Inf. dropped B Seniors 20-6.

Tennis

On the tennis courts, ASA stopped the netters of D Inf. 2-0. Bill Bristow, Bill Boddeker, "Bo" Hoskins, and Grady Satterwhite chalked up the necessary wins.

Frank Johnson, "Willy" Willy, James Wilson, and Charles Bruchmiller led A QMC over A Ord. 2-0. A Signal stopped E AF, 2-0 and H AF rolled past D AF, 2-0.

Horseshoes

The horseshoemen of ASA dropped B AF, 2-0, 2-1, and 2-0. In other horseshoe matches, C AF defeated B Composite and A CAC edged A AF.

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