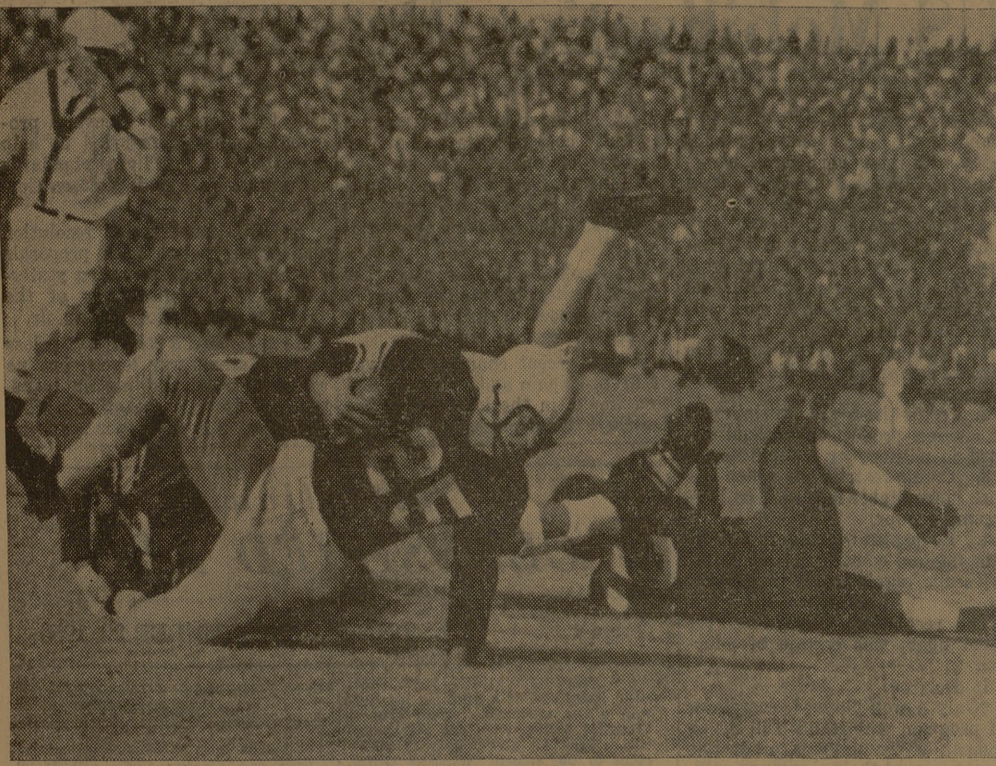


## Lippman Keeps Going



Aggie Left Halfback Glenn Lippman regains his balance on his right hand before squirming on through for three more yards. Against the

Rice Owls Saturday, Lippman carried the ball nine times for a net gain of 20 yards. He now ranks as the No. 7 ball carrier in SWC play.

# Fish, Shorthorn Elevens Clash Thursday at 2 On Kyle Field

A&M's Fish footballers will be out to break a three-game losing streak when they tangle with the University of Texas Shorthorns on Kyle Field tomorrow afternoon at 2.

Having a 1-3 record for the season, both teams are entering the fray with the worst conference record they have ever held prior to the annual tilt. Tomorrow's battle between the two freshman elevens is the fourth sponsored by the Ben Hur Shriners. The profits are used by the Shriners in maintaining the crippled children's clinic in Austin.

A&M holds the series lead with two wins while Texas has won one. The Fish finished victorious the past two years, 14-0 and 13-0, but the Shorthorns won the opener of the annual grudge battle, 16-0, in Austin.

**Never Won Game**

Before the series began the Cadets had never won a game, with TU but they were never skunked by the Texans. This may mean that Thursday's game will be

close.

In the nine games played between the two Freshman teams, Texas has won seven to A&M's two. The scores since the series began in 1937 are (with A&M's score being given first) 6-14, 6-7, 0-2, 7-18, 7-18, 0-12, 0-16, 14-0, and 13-0.

Coach Perron Shoemaker, A&M's freshman coach, is confident that the Aggies can defeat the favored Shorthorns if they play the heads-up ball of which they are capable. In the majority of their games, Shoemaker added, the Fish have had bad breaks which have cost heavily.

**Bad Breaks Hurt**

In reference to Shoemaker's statement, proof can be found by checking the fact that in two of games lost by the Cadets, over 12 fumbles occurred.

But, Shoemaker concluded, the Fish footballers are not altogether to blame for the losses since the majority of the players are now occupying different positions than they did while competing in high school. Also the T formation is new to the majority of the team members since the single wing is almost predominate in Texas' high schools.

Probable starters in tomorrow's backfield include Johnny Salyer in the quarterback position; Don Criswell, right half; either Buck Gibson or Johnny Caviler in the left halfback slot and Pete Mayeaux, running from the fullback spot.

**Salyer to Start**

Salyer was an all-district quarterback while attending Austin High and was also all-state honorable mention. The 5' 8", 165 pounder is a better runner than a passer, but after more experience with the T, he should become one of the best.

Criswell and Gibson, both from Rising Star, were known as the "touchdown twins" in high school. And no wonder. Both were all-district for two consecutive seasons, and Gibson led high school scorers last year with 257 points. His total high school scoring amounted to 423 points in three years of competition.

Rising Star won the Class B track championship in 1949 and both of the "touchdown twins" were integral parts of the squad. Criswell ran on the mile relay team that set a new record, and Gibson won the 440-yard dash for the second time in '49.

All-district for two-years while enrolled in high school at DeQuincy, La., Mayeaux is leading the Cadets in scoring this season. He has crossed the double stripe four times and has booted three points-after-touchdown, to have scored 27 of the Fish's 40 points.

**Caviler—Versatile**

When Austin High's football team went to the state finals in '49, Caviler went with them, but he failed to gain any mention on district, regional, or state teams. This year he has shown up exceptionally well, having scored one of the Fish's touchdowns, and may alternate with Gibson against the Shorthorns. Lettering three years in high school track and winning the state broad jump title last year, Caviler is another one of the versatile Fish backs.

Starting in the offensive ends positions will be Eric Miller and Bobby Price. Before coming to A&M, Miller played in the fullback position for the Bartlett High eleven and was named to the all-district team in '49. He was also all-district in basketball, baseball and placed in the state discus toss

finals.

Price, a 200-pounder from Haskell, was all-district for two-years and will play in the right end slot.

**Center Men**

The top three men holding the line down in the middle will be Guards William Burchell, Louis Capt, and Center Robert Gosney. Gosney was all-district for three straight years and honorable mention in state for two-years.

Capt was all-district for two years, while Burchell was all-state for three years, all-southern (See FISH CLASH, Page 4)

**Probable Starters**

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C Gosney	Seaholm
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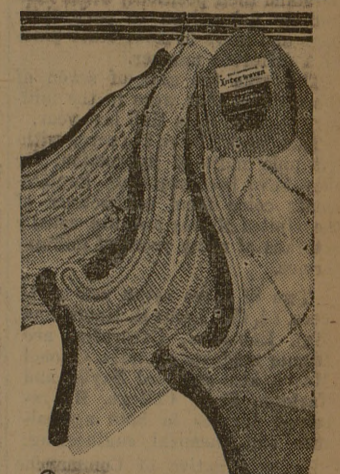
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## NCAA Football Statistics . . .

### Smith, Ags Still Rank High

By RALPH GORMAN

Coach Harry Stiteler's Aggies and A&M's all-American fullback candidate, Bruisin' Bob Smith continue to rank high in the statistical comparison of the hundreds of college teams and the thousands of gridiron stars across the nation.

In a release from the National Collegiate Athletic Bureau on official football statistics, Smith maintains a strong fourth place among the nation's rushing stars and sixteenth in total offense.

Arizona State's Wilford White is holding the reins in the national rushing game with a total of 1,335 yards to lead A&M's Smith by only 110 yards. The Bruisin' Houstonian is but 35 yards away from second place, Nebraska's Bob Reynolds, while Drake's

John Bright holds but a seven yard edge on Smith for the No. 3 position.

**Smith Still Doesn't Pass**

Of the 20 stars named in the total offensive division, Smith is the only one who has established a position in this phase of statistics without the aid of passes. In nine games of the 1950 season, the Southwest Conference's leading ball carrier has never been on the starting end of a pass play.

In team standings of total offense the SWC suffered a slight set back in games of Nov. 18 when the Aggies dropped to a tie for fifteenth place with the University of Washington from their stand as No. 11 last week.

Southern Methodist, fifth a week ago, lost their lofty perch and just squeezed inside the top ten. The Mustangs show a game average of 399.5 yards in total offense, while the Farmers have totaled 3,441 yards for an average of 382.3 yards per game.

**Ninth In Rushing**

The only SWC eleven among the top rushing teams, A&M ranks ninth this week as compared with their sixth place rating of a game ago. In nine games the Cadets have rushed through the opposing forward walls 477 times for a total of 2,567 yards and an average of

285.2 yards per game or 5.4 yards per play.

On the East coast, a Princeton eleven leads both the rushing and total offense of the nation's teams with an average of 349 yards per game on rushing plays and 468.9 yards overall.

SMU and Fred Benners rank high in yardage gained via the ozone. The Methodists are the No. 1 team on forward passing offense with 133 completions out of 245 attempts, totaling 1,877 yards and showing a completion percentage of .543. Mustang adversaries have intercepted 18 of these aerials, while 13 tosses have scored TD's.

**Benners No. 5 Passer**

Washington's Heinrich leads the league in passing with a completion percentage of better than .600, but Benners is close by in the No. 5 spot with .578 for the 89 times that he has completed in 154 attempts.

Baylor's Larry Isbell shows up a little farther down the line as the No. 17 passer with a completion percentage of .480.

Isbell and Company are the only SWC members ranking in the punting division, which is led by Colorado and their specialist, Jordan. Colorado has a team punting average of 44.6 yards on each of his 38 punts.

(See STATISTICS, Page 4)

### 'Mural News

By JOE BLANCHETTE  
Intramural Co-Editor

Several cage champions have already been named in various basketball leagues of the Intramural Leagues. B Coast Artillery has been declared the winner of League A; B Field Artillery the victor of League B; E Infantry the champion of League D; E Air Force the first place club in League E; and A Cavalry the top quintet in League H.

Only two basketball games, three football battles and five tennis matches were reeled off in Tuesday's play.

#### Basketball

Bill Thornton looped in six tallies to pace the Marketing and Finance Club to a 19-11 win over the Fish and Game Club. Losh led the fishermen with three counters.

The Business Society romped to a 32-2 win over the hapless Range and Forestry quintet.

Goldstein and Alexander of the businessmen were the game's high point men with eight each. Moore also of the Business Society hooked in six digits. Tom Shiflet scored (See 'MURAL NEWS, Page 4)

### Michigan State Unable To Play In Cotton Bowl

Chicago, Nov. 22.—(P)—Michigan State College yesterday was refused permission by the Big Ten to play Texas in the Cotton Bowl game at Dallas, New Year's Day although it had not received a formal invitation.

Michigan State, the Western Conference's football member-in-name-only, had received Cotton Bowl feelers and sought to clear the way to accept a formal bid if it were offered.

A petition by Michigan State asked the conference to waive a regulation banning post-season grid play in any game except the Rose Bowl.

Big Ten Commissioner K. L. (Tug) Wilson said the request was denied. No official vote of the nine conference members was announced, but it was understood the ballot was overwhelmingly against the waiver.

**Not Eligible For Bowl**

As a non-championship conference member, Michigan State is not eligible for the Rose Bowl. It enters football title competition in 1953.

The Spartans lost only to Maryland in nine starts this season, and scored wins over three Big Ten members as well as Notre Dame.

At Lansing, Mich., Dean L. C. Emmons, MSC faculty representative in the Big Ten, said: "Michigan State received a bid from the Cotton Bowl and we were anxious to accept same. Through myself and Athletic Director Ralph Young, the college asked permission of the Big Ten to accept the bid."

At Dallas, Cotton Bowl President Joe C. Thompson Jr., emphasized Michigan State had not been invited formally.

"Michigan State was one of the teams on the list of preferred opponents given us by the University of Texas (the host team)," he said. "We asked Michigan State whether it could play if it were invited. But we did not make any invitation for it to play here."

"We have a large number of teams under consideration. We have contacted Princeton and Army, among others, but we have not issued a formal invitation to any team."

**Team Expresses Regret**

Players and coaches alike joined in expressing regret that the Big Ten had vetoed the suggestion that Michigan State, newcomer to the Western Conference, engage in the bowl game.

Head Coach Biggie Munn declared, "I feel very sorry for the boys for it is a disappointment for them. When I was in college, I was refused permission to play in a Shrine game for the benefit of crippled children. Therefore, I know just how badly the boys feel in losing out on a chance to play in a bowl game."

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