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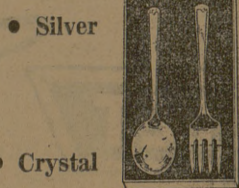


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Longhorns Have Jinx, Team, Odds in Favor for Turkey Day

By FRED WALKER

Look at 'em! They have the Southwest Conference Championship wrapped up. They are hosts to Tennessee in the Cotton Bowl. They have only one loss—a one point miss to the nation's No. 1 team, Oklahoma. They have a line—210 average—that is rough, tough, and ready. They have a backfield with speed, power and bullseye passing. And, last but not least, they have Memorial Stadium, and are favored by two-TDs over the Aggies.

This is the University of Texas. Fifty-six years ago, the Orange and White jerseys thundered across the turf at Houston to meet A&M in the initial kick-off and establish one of the keenest rivalries in college circles. The University won that game 38 to 0 and ever since has dominated the win column with 35 as compared to the Aggies 15.

Five Games Tied

Five games proved to be stalemates. Ten days ago the Longhorns slithered into the Cotton Bowl when Rice pulled the honey of the year by popping A&M 20-13. It was sweet news in Austin as Texas had shut the door on Bartosh and Co. that same afternoon to the tune of 20 to 7.

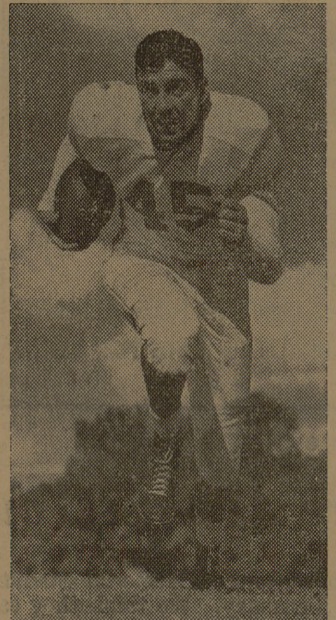
The fact that only a steady toe from Oklahoma dropped then 14-13 doesn't lessen the prestige or potency of the Stamping Steers. And what about the Memorial Stadium Orange and White so-

called jinx? Do these symbols really exist?

The Aggies have never beaten Texas in Memorial Stadium, but a Harry Stiteler coached Aggie eleven has also never been beaten on the Steers' home field.

In 1924, the year the stadium was dedicated, Texas surprised the Cadets, winning 7-0, and has managed to come through smiling ever since. But in 1948, A&M came the closest ever to beating the Longhorns in Austin when the fray ended in a 14-14 tie.

Regardless of grounds, the Longhorns have dominated A&M since 1940 when they upset a great Aggie eleven, 7-0. Is it then completely wrong to discard the idea of a jinx stadium, a jinx color or just a plain jinx?



Byron Townsend
Longhorn Fullback

Sports writers claim that Texas' success is due to superb line play. Here's a look at these two platoons that most people claim have carried the Steer to eight victories against one defeat.

In all probability this will be seven starting men on the offense: LE, Ben Proctor—190 . . . two-year-lettermen . . . sixth ranking receiver in conference with 18 passes caught for 344 yards and 4 TD's; LT, Gene Vykukal—207 . . . two-year-lettermen . . . second year as regular on offense; LG, Bud McFadin—245, two-year-lettermen . . . due to make All-American on most teams . . . already on INS All-American . . . defensive All-American and All-Southwest Conference last year . . . TU boxing and wrestling champion; and Center, Richard Rowan—205 . . . three-year-lettermen . . . a first-stringer since 1947 . . . '50 co-captain . . . outstanding linebacker and blocker . . . good 60-minute man.

On the other side of Rowan are RG, June Davis—205 . . . varsity letter . . . one of team's better blockers . . . plenty of speed; RT, Kenneth Jackson—225 . . . two-year-lettermen . . . second best TU lineman . . . played 365 minutes last year . . . plays both offense and defense . . . school shot put champ; and RE, John Adams—200 . . . one varsity letter . . . kickoff man . . . good pass receiver . . .

also plays baseball.

The backfield: Quarterback, Ben Tompkins—180 . . . understudy to Paul Campbell last year . . . fifth ranking passer in the SWC . . . has completed 54 of 94 for six TD's, 787 yards and a .574 average . . . only six passes intercepted . . . has caused stir among pro baseball scouts as a shortstop.

Left Half, Bobby Dillon—190 . . . one varsity letter . . . plays offense and defense . . . ranks second among SWC punt returners with 247 yards on 11 returns . . . averages 22.4 per . . . returned 84 yards against Baylor to win game . . . scored second TD against Oklahoma with 50-yard interception . . . intercepted for 46 yards and a TD against TCU . . . terrifically fast . . . runs 440 in 48.1.

Right Half, Bubba Shands—185 . . . three-year-lettermen . . . co-captain . . . all-around player . . . injuries have hampered him.

Fullback Byron Townsend—Ranked seventh in SWC on yardage last year (543) and fifth on average (4.9) . . . scored eight touchdowns . . . longest run being 51 yards . . . had his best day against A&M, 23 times carried for 138 yards and three TD's . . .

Townsend came into his own the last Turkey Day and has continued on his merry way again this year. He is the second most effective rusher in the conference as he has piled up a net yardage of 717 yards on 187 romps for an average of 3.8—which is a total of 508 yards and an average difference of 3.0 yards behind first place Bruisin' Bob Smith.

He has scored 11 touchdowns for 66 points, and the former Odessa Flash has everything Coach Blair Cherry could ask for in a fullback—speed, power, and courage.

Personal Battle

Many fans think that the TU-A&M contest will prove to be a personal battle between Townsend and Smith, the two finest fullbacks in the conference.

Defensive positions for Texas will be filled by Tom Stolhandske, LE, 205; Bill Wilson, LT, 200; one varsity letter; Harley Sewell, LG, 210; James Pakenham, RG, one varsity; Bill Milburn, RT, 210; Paul Williams, RE, 205, one varsity letter.

Behind the line will be Jack Barton, Linebacker, 200; Don Menasco, Linebacker, 185, one varsity letter; Gib Dawson, LH, 175; Lewis Levine, RH, 190, one varsity letter;

and Bobby Dillon, Safety.

Texas is going to be at least a two-touchdown favorite over the Ags, but reports from Austin say that no one is taking the game lightly. Coach Cherry has been stressing defensive play to halt Smith, Lippman and Tidwell, while Athletic Director Dana X. Bible reminds the boys of past A&M glories.

The season is all but ended for the Longhorns, while A&M has everything to gain—prestige and at least a tie for second in the SWC—and in reality nothing to lose, as Coach Harry Stiteler had informed Aggie fans at the beginning of the season that the team would be shooting for a 50-50 in '50. A&M's won-lost record is nine-three.

Whether it turns out to be a Memorial Stadium jinx, an Orange and White jinx or a win for the Aggies, the sellout crowd of 65,498 expect this game to be the usual hard-fought battle that can only develop from rivalry as such as this.

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TU All-American Guard



Bud McFadin

Bauer Sisters, '26 Linksters To Open Golf Course, Dec. 6

The Bauer sisters, Alice and Marlene, and the 1926 A&M golf team which won the first Southwest Conference Golf Championship will be on hand Dec. 6, to open officially A&M's new golf course.

Members of the team—Herbert W. Brehmer, of Kerrville, A. O. Nicholson, of Dallas, J. C. Landon of San Angelo and Ellis Wilson of San Antonio—will be guests of the Texas A&M Former Students Association.

Marlene and Alice have captivated the fans' attention across the country and also play a pay-off brand of golf which has produced

many major titles in the past two California golf titles—the Southern California Championship and has qualified three times for the National Amateur championship.

Marlene, 16 years old, was named the "Woman Athlete of the Year" in the 1949 Associated Press poll and was also named the Women Golfer of the Year in the same period.

Alice and Marlene shared the Hollywood four-ball tournament championship this year, and Alice has been named by Harry Conover as one of the six most beautiful women in sports.

'That's Nice

While playing an exhibition match in San Angelo not too long ago, the girls were asked if they had ever been to Aggie land before.

Both girls replied no, but when the question was put forth, if they knew that all the student body at A&M was strictly male, Alice replied, "That's nice."

So, it should prove to be quite

Extra Long Back Swing

Although she isn't big for being such a great golfer she has an extra long back swing which compensates for smallness. She consistently drives between 210 and 225 yards, is a proficient putter, and extremely accurate on the approach shots.

When Marlene won the Woman Athlete of the Year award, she became the youngest girl in the history of sports to be honored with the award and when she turned pro in 1949, she became the youngest pro golfer in women's

Here are some of the golf titles which the Bauer sisters Marlene and Alice, held wrapped up in the past two years:

- National Junior Golf Champ, 1949
- Western Junior Golf Champ, 1949
- Semi-finalist, Women's National Amateur, 1949
- Winner California Open, 1949
- Winner Los Angeles City Championship, 1949
- Winner Palm Beach Invitation, 1950
- Winner Palm Springs Invitation, 1949
- Winner Everglades Mixed Foursome, 1950
- Runner-up Helen Doherty Tourney, Miami, 1950
- Runner-up Texas Open, 1949
- Runner-up Hard Scrabble, 1949, winner over Babe Zaharias
- Named Women Golfer of the Year, 1949.
- Named Women's Athlete of 1949, by AP
- Winner of the Indio Invitation, in California setting an all time women's record score of 210 for 54 holes.
- Alice:
 - Low Amateur, Tam O'Shanter Invitation, 1949
 - Southern California Women's Champ, 1949
 - Runner-up Pacific-North West, 1949
 - Quarterfinals Texas Womens, 1950 winner over Louise Suggs, 5-4
 - Five times winner, Long Beach Championship
 - Los Angeles Championship, 1948
 - Runner-up Palm Beach Invitation, 1950
 - Runner-up Everglades Mixed Foursome, 1950
 - Winner with Marlene, Hollywood Four-Ball Championship 1950
 - Named by Harry Conover as One of the Six Most Beautiful Women in Sports.
 - Winner of South Dakota State Championship at the age of 14.



Marlene Bauer

Alice Bauer

a treat for all linksters in the surrounding area when the girls play their exhibition here next Wednesday.

Alice, the "big sister" is 22 years old, has been playing golf since her 11th birthday and holds five

golf history.

She first started playing golf while she was only three and a half years old and at the age of eight, she won her first big tournament. At 11 she won a local junior tourney, and at 13 she was the Los Angeles Women's Golf Champion after winning the tourney on a course where "children under 14 years of age are not allowed."

And, she was also the youngest contestant ever to reach the finals of the National Women's Amateur Championship.

Her exaggerated backswing gives her good distance off the tee, and she is an accurate putter and has readily approach shots.

Laid out over 125 acres, the 18-hole course stretches to a length of 6,800 yards, being the third longest course in the South.

The course is located at the southeast corner of the campus, just east of the Administration Building. It is of championship quality, with a par of 71. Dotted with trees and presenting a rolling terrain, the location is excellent for such a course.

Former Students Help After two years of planning, the Former Students Association of A&M raised \$25,000 to start construction of the \$75,000 layout. The remainder of the money was paid from college funds.

Ralph Plummer, former Aggie in the class of '25 and one of the top professional golf course architects available in this part of the country, was secured to design the course. He both designed the (See GOLF COURSE, Page 6)

In SWC Statistics While Idle . . .

Cadets Hold Leads

By JOE HOLLIS

Even if the Aggies did have a rest period this week, they held their own in the SWC to stay in second place. They are tied with Baylor for this position and are topped only by Texas, who has already won the title.

The Maroon and White have won three games in conference competition and have lost two while tying none. This gives them an average of .600. The Aggies have won six games this season and have lost three for a season average of .667.

In these nine games the Cadets have racked up 147 first downs for 3,441 yards. Of this, 2,567 yards have been gained rushing and the other 874 were captured through the air.

In the Farmers serial game they show a completion percentage of .472 for the 58 times they have

connected in 123 attempts. Only eight of these passes have been intercepted while the Aggies have snatched 18 of the enemy's aeriels.

Along with this passing, the Cadets rate a second place in punting. In this department, they carry an average of 39.6 yards per boot.

Bruisin' Bob Smith, the big Aggie fullback from Houston, is the No. 1 ball carrier in the SWC, and unless a miracle happens, he will still lead at the end of the season. He has carried the pigskin 178 times for 1,225 yards and an average of 6.9 yards.

The two halfbacks on the Cadets No. 1 offensive lineup are also in the top ten ball carriers in the SWC, as Bill Tidwell and Glenn Lippman rank ninth and tenth, respectively. Tidwell has carried 70 times for 482 yards and the second best average in the conference, 6.6. Lippman, the seat

halfback on the Aggie squad, has lugged the football 87 times for 453 yards and a 5.2 average.

Townsend Second Second in this class is Byron Townsend of Texas, who has carried 187 times for 717 yards and an average of 3.8. He is the closest one to Smith and still lacks 507 yards catching him.

Kyle Rote is in the number three slot with 698 yards in 141 tries for a 4.9 average.

Dick Gardemal, who fills the quarterback slot for the Aggies, is the No. 8 passer in the SWC. Having completed 25 of 49 aeriels with only four interceptions, he shows a completion percentage of .531. Six of these 25 passes have been for TDs, and Gardemal has a net gain of 400 yards through the air.

Ben Tompkins of Texas has thrown 94 passes, completed 54, (See SWC STATISTICS, Page 6)



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