

A&M Leaders

SWC Teams Swing Into Second Week

By BOB SELLECK BATTALION SPORTS NEWS EDITOR

After surviving the effects of their season openers, the Southwest Conference has settled down to prepare for another full week-end of grid battles.

Everyone in and around Aggie land seems to be well pleased with Aggie football team after their win over UCLA last Friday night.

Ray George made an outstanding debut as could be desired by even the hardest of Aggie fans. George T. Davis, Sports Editor of the Los Angeles Evening Herald and Express, had this to say about the youngest coach in the SWC:

"Gosh, we can't believe our old pal, Ray George, now that he's gone to the open spaces of Texas.

"He spins those yarns just like a cowhand from the Lone Star State. Take last Friday night, for instance.

"George brought his Aggie football team to the Coliseum to battle the UCLA Bruins—and he let stories be told that he had the 'darnedest' running team in all of Texas.

"So who happen? When the final gun sounded, George's Aggies had taken the hapless Bruins into camp, 21-14—and all three of their touchdowns were made by forward passes."

Over the hurdle of the first week into the deepest hole with their defeat being blamed mostly on "old man weather." I guess he was the 12th man for Georgia Tech eleven.

TCU was bothered with a leaky pass defense as Coach Meyer's squad lost to the Kansas Jayhawkers 27-13.

Aggies Among Statistic Leaders

At the conclusion of the Aggies first game of the 1951 season, several A&M players placed as conference leaders or were among the top ten in all the statistical departments.

Billy Tidwell, A&M back, led the conference as the top pass receiver. Tidwell caught four passes for 92 yards and a 23.0 yards average. Stan Williams, Baylor end, and Pat Summerall, Arkansas end, held the runner-up spots. Williams earned

Graves Second In Passing

Ray Graves is second only to Larry Isbell, Baylor in contention for honors as the leading passer in the Southwest. Graves completed nine passes out of 17 attempts for 142 yards and two tallies.

Dick Gardemal ran a very close fourth by completing six out of nine attempts for 101 yards and one TD. Isbell leads the conference with eight completions out of 23 tries for 178 yards and one score. Isbell topped Graves only in the yardage column.

Among the total offense individual leaders Graves placed a strong third by compiling 141 yards Lamar McHan, Arkansas, was second with 148 yards but handled the ball only 13 times as compared to 21 for Graves and 25 for Isbell, who leads with 186 yards.

Dick Gardemal also held a dominant position with total gained yardage mark of 117.

Checking Pre-Season Dope

Now, another look at the SWC picture. All of the pre-season dope scheduled a battle between Baylor, Texas, and A&M. TCU was considered by many as a good dark-horse.

There was not even a mention of Arkansas except with reference to the "cellar." The always big boys from the Ozarks beat a good Oklahoma A&M eleven last week 42-7.

The Porkers combined a razor-sharp passing and running attack that threw a few scares into the other SWC coaches.

Arkansas has always had a big mound but this year it looks like they have found a use for their "ray" power and could well prove to be a leading contender for the Championship crown that they have not worn since they tied with Rice in 1946.

A&M Rated 7th In UP Poll

The Aggies were placed seventh in the first United Press football poll of coaches across the nation. This was a jump of four places over the pre-season forecasts in which the Farmers were rated eleventh.

Heading the list were the Tennessee Vols, followed by the TU Longhorns. Rated third were the Golden Bears of California, fourth, OU's Sooners, then Ohio State, Michigan State, and in seventh place, the Aggies.

After the Aggies, came Kentucky, Washington, and Illinois to complete the top ten college teams in the United States.

The Aggies climbed to seventh place as a result of their 21-14 decision over UCLA. Texas, originally rated thirteenth, was elevated no less than eleven notches to second place because of the way the Longhorns handled Babe Parilli and the Kentucky team last Saturday.

Points are used to place the teams on the UP list, 35 coaches cast their votes, with 10 points for a first-place vote, nine for a second, and so on down to one point for a tenth.

Of the top ten, only six have opened their play this season, those remaining, Tennessee, Oklahoma, Ohio State and Illinois open this Saturday.

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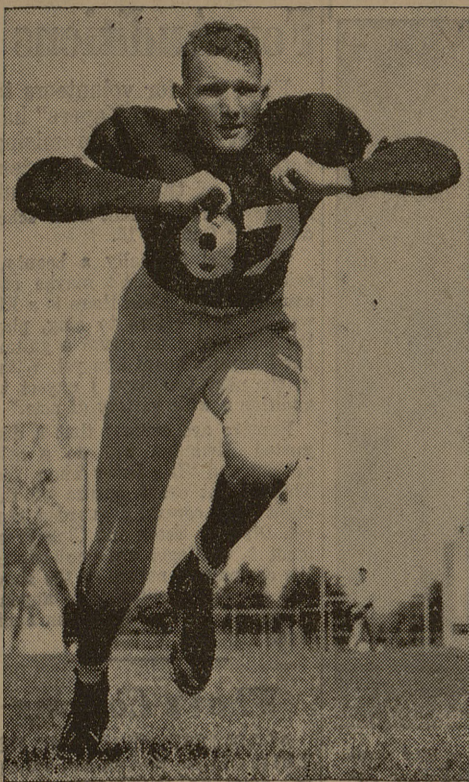
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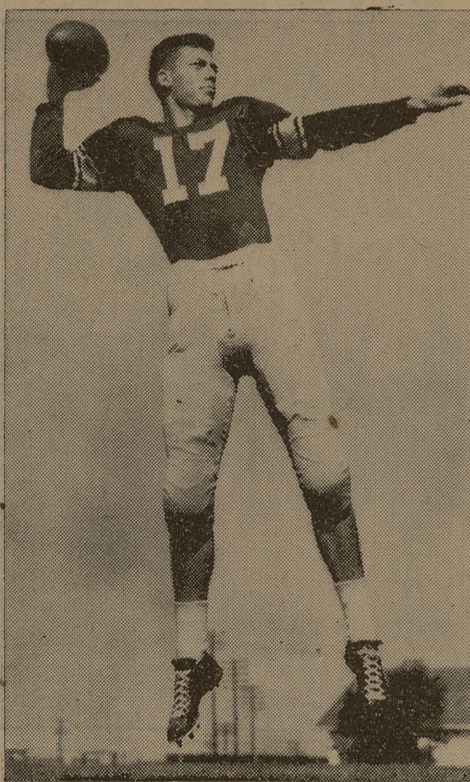
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Offensive Stars of Week



Charlie Hodge



Ray Graves

Hodge, Graves Offensive Lineman, Back of Week

By BOB SELLECK BATTALION SPORTS NEWS EDITOR

The Battalion commendation of the week goes to Quarterback Ray Graves and Charley Hodge, end for their work in Friday's game. In picking Graves, The Battalion sports staff took into account the great improvement he showed during the UCLA game over his last year performance. Hodge got the nod because of his sticky fingers in the California airborne attack.

Hodge, who hails from Dallas, snared six passes for 69 yards against the Bruins. A starter in the game, he played most of the game at defense post. This was in addition to his regular slot as end on the offensive team.

Scores Final TD

Pulling down a pass by Dick Gardemal, Charley scored the final touchdown of the game. This final catch was only for 9 yards, but it brought the pork hide into pay territory.

As a total during the game he caught six and missed one that was incomplete. The team of Hodges and Gardemal and Hodges and Graves was the winning combination. With Gardemal or Graves in the pitcher's box and Charley catching, the ball went for Aggie yardage.

In the press box in the California stadium one sports scribe was overheard to say "Were the quarterbacks prejudiced last year in not throwing many passes to Hodge... more to Hillhouse."

Graves Gets Late Start

Graves got a late start in the game and went in during the second quarter.

For the Aggie followers this week-end, KORA, Bryan, will bring the play-by-play radio report of the clash between the Texas Aggies and Texas Tech at Dallas in the Cotton Bowl.

The game will be sponsored by Humble Oil and described by John Ferguson and Alec Chesser at 8:00 p.m. over the following stations: WRR, Dallas; KFJZ, Ft. Worth; KRBC, Abilene; KGKL, San Antonio; KEWD, Brownwood; KBST, Big Spring; KCRS, Midland; KCB, Lubbock; KTBB, Tyler; KVET, Austin; KABC, San Antonio; KTHH, Houston; KRIG, Odessa; KVKM, Monahans; KIUN, El Paso; KVLV, Alpine; KSET, El Paso; and KORA, Bryan.

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and quarter. His first pitch went to Billy Tidwell on the Aggie 44 yard stripe—but it went for a loss of 2 yards.

He got to clicking when he tossed to Hodge on the UCLA 30. This combination racked up 14 yards for the visiting Cadets. A toss to Lippman in the end-zone was incomplete, but he made up for it later with a pass completion to Hodge good for 10 yards.

Back on the six yard line he made the Graves to Hodge combination click and the ball went down for eight more Aggie yards. Trying for yardage on the ground, he was thrown for a loss of two yards on a bootleg play around right end.

Flips to Tidwell

Making up for this loss he flipped the ball to Tidwell, who went from the Aggie 35 down to the UCLA 10—this was a 70 yard gain.

During the closing minutes of

the game he was smothered for a 10 yard loss and failed to complete a pass to Hodge. He made up for lost ground with a 11 yard run around right end.

It was his pass to Miller in the end-zone that chalked up another Aggie 6 pointer. He held the ball for Hooper to boot. Liking that job he ended out the second quarter with a pass completion to Lary for a TD.

Completed Passes to Hooper

During the third quarter he completed passes to Hooper and to the boy from Houston called Smith.

Stalling the game in the last of the final quarter he made an incomplete pass to Hooper.

Graves is a 19-year-old Stephenville lad who was last year rated the number three quarterback on the team. All of this adds up to one of the top passers on the Aggie squad.

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Tech Shows Strong Attack, Fails With Weak Defense

By HUGH PHILIPPUS BATTALION SPORTS WRITER

Sports forecasters and writers all seem to favor the Aggies over the Red Raiders of Texas Tech in their first encounter in Dallas.

But after the Red Raider's show of power against West Texas State, some scribes and coaches wonder if maybe the Raiders have the power and potency sufficient to defeat the Aggies in the Cotton Bowl Saturday night.

Coach Dalton Faircloth agreed with this opinion after he scouted the Tech team last weekend.

"If we aren't careful," Faircloth reported, "Texas Tech will be the main course rather than an appetizer for Oklahoma. If we can't stop the Raiders, it will be 'Katy bar the door' when we play the Sooners."

No Passing Attack

A passing attack did not show forth according to the Aggie scout, but he warned that Tech didn't have to show its "Sunday Punch" against West Texas.

However Faircloth did say, "Their running attack was plenty good, especially on the outside. Their blocking was sound, and some of them can really throw a hard tackle."

Two backs were singled out by Faircloth for their running ability. Right half Frank Graves, and Graves' substitute, Bobby Cavazos.

"Fullbacks Charles Welton and Pete Renaldi were more than capable as blockers," reported Faircloth.

One of the weaknesses seen in the Raiders by the Aggie scout was the tendency to horse-collar ball carriers. "The Red Raiders showed plenty of hustle, but there was a lack of varsity experience as one of Tech's disadvantages," viewed by the Aggie spy.

In closing Coach Faircloth said, "It will be a good, hard ball game for us; it will be a carbon copy of the Oklahoma game."

Tech's new coaching regime, headed by DeWitt T. Weaver, is incorporating the split-T for the first time this season at the school.

Weaver, a split-T convert, believes nothing will replace a good clean block. He came to Texas Tech from the associate coaching spot at Tulsa University.

Price to be Watched

Not only the Raider's eyes, but also many of the Aggies eyes will be on Tech's nominee for All-American tackle—Jerrell Price. Price, known as "Sody Pop," is supposed to have the best chance of any Red Raider in the past of making a "big" All-American, according to veteran Tech followers.

The Raider captain weighs 210 pounds and distributes it over a frame of 5' 11", which fills the tackle slot with the appearance of a baby tank. He is a double duty man, playing both offense and defense. He received numerous votes

One Win In Their Cap Cadets Set For Tech

By BOB SELLECK BATTALION SPORTS NEWS EDITOR

With a UCLA feather stuck in their victory cap, the Aggies stepped into the second week of the newly opened football season with a schedule of hard workouts for their meeting with Texas Tech in Dallas this Saturday night.

"Billy Tidwell and Walter Hill will both remain out of action against Texas Tech," stated Head Coach Ray George.

Tidwell and Hill are recovering from injuries suffered in the Aggie opener against UCLA last Friday night.

"Charlie McDonald, Augie Saxe, and possible Pete Mayeaux are the leading probabilities to start in the position vacated by Tidwell," explained George. "There is also a chance that Glenn Lippman might be shifted to the empty right half post and Yale Lary moved into Lippman's spot."

In a replacement for Hill's position, the Aggies have two prospects. Darrow Hooper is expected to see more offensive action and there is a bright prospect in sophomore Eric Miller. Miller snagged one of the three Aggie touchdown passes in last week's victory.

Squad in Good Shape

The remainder of the squad emerged from their first battle with only a few cuts and bruises. The team entered the game in good condition and for the most part finished the game in fine shape.

Just because the Aggies passed UCLA silly in last week's game does not mean they have given up their ground game. Billy Tidwell broke loose with a sparkling 70-yard dash after receiving a pass and proved he is capable of doing more.

Bob Smith, although he was not sensational, did a good job as the Aggie leading ground gainer. As the Aggie passing attack develops into a real threat, the opponents defense will have to loosen up. This will be all the encouragement that Smith, Tidwell, and Glenn Lippman will need.

Probable Starting Lineman

Barring any injuries during this week's practice sessions, George will continue to go along with these offensive starting linemen: Darrow Hooper and Charley Hodge at the terminal posts; Jack Little and Sam Moses in the tackle spots; Elo Nahavizta and W. T. Rush at the guard positions and co-captain Hugh Meyer at center. It is also

anticipated that Meyer, Moses, Rush, and Little will also see action on the defensive unit.

From the results of the A&M-UCLA tilt it still looks like the quarterback post has not been nailed down by any one single man.

Two Capable QB's

Dick Gardemal and Ray Graves both turned in creditable performances in their first action under pressure for this year.

The Aggies have enough depth in the fullback position to keep them out of serious trouble. Bernard Lemmons, who showed up sparkling in several late season games last year, is a senior. Next in line is sophomore Connie Magouirk.

The Aggies will have to make the touchdowns, while the job of kicking the extra points is already taken care of by the well educated toe of Darrow Hooper.

Weak in Guard

The biggest headache for the Cadets however still lies in the line. Head Line Coach Paul McMurtry has to strengthen a definitely weak left end. UCLA made most of their yardage around this side. The lack of depth in the middle of the line also will continue to bother

the Aggie stone wall efforts in defense.

This week the Aggie defense will no doubt run plays against Texas Tech's split-T. Tech has a handful of better than average backs operating behind a hustling line that will weigh just about the same as the Cadets.

The Red Raiders have 17 returning lettermen which have formed a nucleus to create a scoring combination that is good, but they will have trouble keeping their opponents from scoring.

Both Teams Under New Coaches

Both teams this year will be under new coaches, George for the Aggies and DeWitt Weaver for the Texas Tech Raiders.

When the Aggies and the Red Raiders take to the field next Saturday night each will have one victory. A&M got its win over UCLA while the Tech boys were over running West Texas State.

The series, switched to Dallas this year so Dallas fans may get a look at the Aggies every year, has previously been played in San Antonio.

Aggie teams have been victorious nine times while Tech elevens have won twice. There have been no ties in the 11-game series.

Aggie Swim Team Ready For SWC

By LYLE DeBOLT BATTALION STAFF WRITER

"The swimming team this year is in fairly good shape," Art Adamson, coach of the Aggie swimming team, said recently.

"If we could build up some more good distance men, and get one more good sprinter, we will be hard to beat. The Southwest Conference race will be between SMU, Texas, and A&M."

A returning letterman this year is Van Adamson, who holds the Southwest Conference record in the individual medley. He also swam on the 400 yard free style relay team, which also holds the Southwest Conference record.

Lundell, another returning letterman, swims the back stroke and was also a member of the winning 400 yard free style relay team.

Comstock Returning

Tommy Comstock is a returning letterman swimming the breast stroke and was a member of the 300 yard medley relay team which took first place in the Southwest Conference.

Letterman Crawford swims the back stroke and another member of the 300 yard medley relay team. Ralph Ellis is a free styler who

swam on both relay teams.

Other returning lettermen are John Parnell, distance man; Bill Sargent, back stroker; and Strickler, breast stroker.

Returning swimmers are James Baker, back stroker; Johnson, diver; and Jones, free styler.

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