

Tech Coach



DeWitt T. Weaver
Head Tech Coach

Weaver Is New Mentor at Tech

Dewitt T. Weaver, head mentor of the Tech Red Raiders, came to his present position from Tulsa University where he held an associate coaching spot.

This is his first year at Tech where he is attempting to rebuild a squad suffering from losses due to last year's graduating class. A split-T advocate, Weaver says "nothing will replace a good, clean block." He leads his Raiders against the Aggies in his second appearance of the season.

Debut for Tech
In his debut for Tech last week, Weaver showed his ability as the Tech eleven over a powerful West Texas State team, 46-7.

Born in Nashville Tenn. Weaver spent most of his younger years in Florida, where he was graduated from Florida Military Institute.

All-Conference Guard
He played college football for the University of Tennessee, where he captained the volunteers in 1936, and where he received the honor of All-Southeast Conference guard.

During the war, Weaver was commander of a Naval troop ship, but when the war was over, he returned to the coaching profession and a job as line coach at Mississippi State. He then transferred to Tulsa University in 1948, and from there to Tech.

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George Predicts Tech Will Be 'Tough' Squad

By ED HOLDER
BATTALION SPORTS WRITER

"I wouldn't predict the outcome of the Tech game Saturday night, but I will say we are expecting a tough, tough, battle," said Head Mentor Ray George of the Aggies. "They scored 46 points against West Texas State last week, and anyone who can rack up that many points, has a good ball club," he added.

George was referring to the Raider victory last Saturday over the powerful West Texas State Buffaloes 46-7. Pre-game predictions made Tech the victor by only one touchdown.

He might also have meant that the Aggies are below par with two of their key men out of the game. These are Billy Tidwell and Walter Hill, both who suffered injuries in the UCLA tilt.

Air and Ground

The Cadet eleven showed their powerful air attack against the Bruins last week. This adds greatly to the Aggies possibilities now that they have both effective ground and air offensives.

Defensive line posts are still the weakest on the squad. And the worse seems to be left end, where the Bruins pounded for yard after yard last Friday night.

Guard posts are also slightly weak, but workouts this past week should have improved these spots.

Aggie Troubles

Tech's All-American candidate Jewell Price, 210 pounds of rough tackle, is predicted to give the Aggie backfield troubles. Price made the "unsung All-American squad" last year, and also placed on both the TU and Rice all-opponent eleven.

His hometown of Brownfield has shown its admiration for Price by reserving a block of 100 tickets for all the Tech home games. This is in addition to many other tickets already sold to Brownfield residents.

Another threat to the Aggies will be Frank Graves from McKinney, whose 47-yard romp against the Buffaloes of West Texas Tech was a highlight.

Blaik Pleased As Army Bucks Big Villanova

West Point, Sept. 27.—(AP)—Coach Earl Blaik says he hasn't had any surprises since he started to rebuild the Army football team over the scanty remnants left when nearly 40 players were dropped from the military academy for cribbing.

With that statement goes the intimation that he'll be very pleasantly surprised if Army wins its opening game with rugged Villanova Saturday.

Blaik is understandably loath to say anything that would destroy his players' confidence. At the same time he tries to avoid misleading optimism.

The result leads to this appraisal of the 1951 Army squad. A group of very promising sophomore backs and a much smaller number of good line prospects have performed in practice just about the way promising sophs are expected to do. The older players, rescued from the "B" squad, already had come close to the limits of their potential ability without making the varsity in past seasons.

"You can't teach experience," the conservative, soft-spoken Army coach points out rather sadly. "And you can't teach quickness of reaction, though you can improve it."

Then tentative starting lineups, still subject to the changes that have been going on for a month, list an offensive team of second string calibre and a defensive team salvaged from the "B" squad. The entire offensive backfield is composed of sophomores—they call them yearlings here—and the line includes four sophs, two juniors and a senior.

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as State last week set the stage for the first goal-crossing.

This 173-pound left halfback is now a senior at Tech, 22 years old, and stands 5 feet 11.

Weaver Warns Squad
Raider workouts this week have emphasized aerial defense, as a result of the Aggie display in Los Angeles.

Coach Weaver told his squad that their running over Westex doesn't mean that Tech has made its comeback.

As an explanation of last week's victory, Weaver said Tech held a grudge in that game from losing to the same club last year, and the Raiders also had three full weeks to prepare for that tilt.

He also added the Buffs would be hard to beat once they hit their stride, but right now their coach is filling a job of replacing key men who played on last year's squad.

Strong Defense

The emphasis has also been placed on a strong defensive bulwark by Weaver to stop the romping of Ramblin' Robert Smith, Aggie All-American.

In the 1950 game between the Aggies and Tech, Smith received a pass and jaunted over for the first of his scores, then stamped through the line for his next two.

Smith also racked up three touchdowns in the 1949 clash. One

of which came after he covered 80 yards of field and crossed the chalk line standing up. Bruislin' Bob tallied a sum of 214 yards rushing in that game. The final score—Aggies, 26-7.

Summing up, the Aggies are favorites despite their handicap of two key men absent from the lineup. Tech has a strong ball club and should present a tough grid battle. A&M's newly-found aerial offense offers Tech even more troubles however and should prove the winning factor Saturday night.

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1,400 Students Buy Tech Game Tickets

Approximately 1,400 student tickets have been sold since Monday for the A&M-Texas Tech football game in Dallas Saturday night. All student ducats went off sale Wednesday at 6 p. m.

In addition, 800 guest tickets have been sold by the Athletic department for the Saturday night game. About 100 reserved seat tickets were sold Wednesday. However some 600 of these ducats are still available and will be on sale until 12 noon Friday.

Guest and reserved seat tickets are priced at \$3.60.

Sports Thrill of a Lifetime

Tidwell Relates Nine-Yard Sprint

By BILLY TIDWELL
As Told To GUS BECKER

"My greatest thrill playing football for A&M came during the first game I started in when I was a sophomore in 1949.

"In the Villanova game that year, I played offense at fullback after Bob Smith was taken out of the game, so when Coach Stittler told me that I was going to start against the Southern Methodist University Mustangs I was a little surprised.

"We played exceptional ball that day with everything going off right and everyone working as a team. SMU was ahead most of the game and we never took the lead. Every time we tied the score they would make another touchdown.

"I played about fifty minutes that day, both offense and defense. In the last quarter we were behind 27-20 after Kyle Rote ran our kick-off back for a hundred yards.

"Dick Scott, who played a great game on the line that day, received Doak Walker's fumble on the Mustangs thirty yard line. About four plays later, when we were on the SMU nine yardline, Dick Gardemal, who was calling the signals, called one of my plays.

"The play was an option play where the runner has choice of going either through the line or around the end. There was just two minutes and ten seconds left to play and I knew he had to score soon.

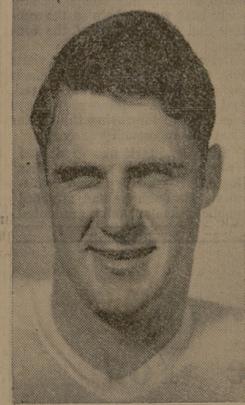
"I took the ball and saw a hole in the line as I ran through, and the next thing I knew I was over the goal—standing up. I think I was more surprised than the Mustang players.

"This was my greatest thrill and also the first touchdown I ever made in college football."

Tidwell has been a regular starter ever since the game with SMU. The six points he made in that game was enough for him to tie Glenn Lippman, left halfback, for the second highest scorer on the squad for 1949.

The flashy left-halfback was an outstanding player at Hearne High School. He also rated as outstanding on the 1948 freshman squad.

Last season Tidwell was the tenth leading ground gainer in the Southwest Conference. He carried the ball 47 times with a net gain of 220 yards for an average of 4.7 yards-per-carry.



Billy Tidwell

He tied Bob Smith in scoring the most points in a single game, with 18 points in the Georgia game.

For the second year in a row, Tidwell was the next highest scorer on the maroon and white squad. He scored nine touchdowns for a total of fifty-four points in 1950.

Tidwell is probably the fastest man on the squad and made the second team All-Southwest Conference last year. He also received honorable mention for All-American.

As a result of the one game played this season by the Aggie, Tidwell leads the Southwest Conference in pass receiving. He speared four aerials for a total of 92 yards to net him an average gain of 23 yards-per pass.

Although Tidwell will not play against Texas Tech in Dallas Saturday night, he is expected to be ready for the Oklahoma game here the following week.

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Lanktree, 6'9" Fish To Play Basketball

By JIM ASHLOCK
BATTALION STAFF WRITER

The class of '55 will set new records in the wake of its progress through the next four years, but one freshman has already established himself as a record holder. Hugh Dane Lanktree, 22 year old 6'9" freshman from Buenos Aires, Argentina holds the title of "tallest member of the class of '55."

Born of Irish parents and reared in Argentina, Lanktree came to this country six months ago in quest of an education. While working on farms near Taylor and Eagle Pass he came in contact with a number of A&M alumni who persuaded him to visit the college.

At the time he was undecided as to which college he should attend for his agricultural training, but after his visit to Aggieland he knew that this was the place for him.

Lanktree's family is large and of a distinguished nature, with relatives scattered throughout the entirety of the Argentine. At the age of 18, he was an apprentice to the foreman of a large ranch. When he was 20 he replaced his uncle as foreman of five large ranches, a job which he considers his greatest achievement up to this time.

He speaks Spanish and French fluently and is skilled in the operation of large machinery such as tractors and cranes.

"My country is indeed beautiful and charming," says Hugh, "but the president, although he has his good points, is not an ideal ruler. The government is poorly operated and there are no suitable facilities for agricultural college training in the entire country. This is the reason for my coming to this country for my education."

Lanktree's height is not exclusive within his family. His sister,

who at one time was President Juan Peron's private air stewardess, hovers near six feet. His brother is 6'7" while his mother is also in the vicinity of six feet.

His good nature and warm, friendly manner have aided him in making many friends since his arrival in Texas. His height attracted John Floyd, Aggie basketball coach, who quickly recognized his potential qualities as a basketball player despite the fact that Lanktree has never played a game of basketball in his life.

While in Argentina he partook of such events as rugby, cricket, polo, and some motor car racing, all of which are major Argentina sports. Under Floyd's care and training he may see service on the hardwood before many years.

Asked about the future he states that his chief goal is the B. S. degree in agricultural engineering which he has come so far to acquire, with the hope of someday returning to his home and helping to bring a better way of life to the people there.

"When I start looking around for a wife," says Lanktree, "I think I'll try Billy Rose's Diamond Horseshoe. I hear all the girls there are over six feet tall."

Sports Shorts

Based on AP Releases

Texas Tech's Red Raiders are holding a light scrimmage today in preparation for the Aggie game this week-end. Four Tech players were injured in yesterday's workout.

Halfback Elmer Wilson went to the hospital for examination of a head injury and fullback Jack Bass re-injured a weak shoulder. End Billy Wright needed a stitch to close a cut over one eye and Center Barton Mas-

However Coach DeWitt Weaver believes all hands will be ready for action against the Aggies Saturday night. The team will arrive in Dallas Friday by bus.

Texas stressed pass defense in preparation for their Purdue tilt. End Tom Stohlhandt joined the injured list with a hurt elbow.

Others on the injured list include Quarterback Dan Page, who lost two teeth in yesterday's workouts and June Davis, stalwart defensive linebacker.

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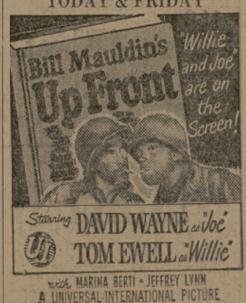
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