

Football 'Upsets' Hit All Leagues

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By now everyone has probably revived from the "shock" of the sports world last Saturday, especially the Southwest Conference.



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A&M was stunned by the Horned Frogs. Rice surprised SMU, and according to the experts it was impossible for Arkansas to beat Texas University, yet they did as three upsets struck the SWC in opening games.

Results of the hectic week-end were not limited to just the SWC. The East, Middle West, and the West Coast all suffered as victims of football's worst surprise.

Only the South was saved from the plague of upsets. Mighty Tennessee rolled over Alabama 27-13 which was good enough to rate the Vols as the No. 1 team in the nation by Associated Press Poll.

From there the AP Poll was turned upside down. A&M dropped from No. 6 spot to sixteenth. Texas slipped from fourth to tenth.

California, last week's top team, dropped to No. 9 spot after being shocked by USC 20-14. Ohio State, victims of Illinois completely dropped out of the top twenty teams.

Unbeaten Baylor climbed to seventh place being the only undefeated college team remaining in Texas.

Incident Closed, Says George

Coach Ray George should be commended for the manner in which the TCU-A&M on-side kick has been handled. Coach George considered the incident closed and no action will be taken.

"In the best interest of the boys

on the team and the school, I believe that nothing can be gained by any further discussion and the thought of filing an official protest is completely out of the question," explained George.

This is enough said.

Two Factors Develop

Naturally no one likes to lose, we believe that two important factors were developed last week.

One being the return to action, we mean real action, of All-American Bob Smith. Bruisin' Bob showing some of his last year's form, churned his iron legs for 76 yards in 15 tries.

This does not include Gardemal's pass that he also took and sped for 55 yards through the whole Frog team while playing tag with TCU's Sammy Morrow.

Another "bright spot" was the great defensive performance of Buddy Shaffer. This El Paso senior stands six feet and weighs 175-pounds and is out of the most aggressive players in the conference.

Shaffer recovered fumbles, knocked down and intercepted passes, and seemed to be all over the field tackling TCU ball carriers.

Aggie Defense Good Again

The Aggie defense was as good last week as it has been all year. The only trouble seemed to lie in their tackling as a whole.

We believe that the first three quarters belonged to the Cadets and that they played a creditable game. It just happened to be TCU's day and that was it.

That is now all in the past, and for the first time this year, the Cadets will enter a game definitely the underdogs.

Baylor is the only undefeated college team in Texas and they rank ninth in the nation in forward passing offense while A&M ranks third in the nation in forward pass defense.

The Bears, according to Waco sportswriters are blessed with a talented youngster who has been acclaimed as the mastermind, passing perfectionist, aerial wizard, super-human, strong-arm, tossing terror, and the only preseason publicized star that has made good in the SWC.

This boy Isbell must be good! We'll see.

A&M Leads SWC In Offense; Claims Best Aerial Defense

SOUTHWEST CONFERENCE FOOTBALL STATISTICS

(Through Games of Oct. 20, 1951)

Team	Games	1st Downs	Rush Plays	NET GAIN			FWD PASS Att.	%	Comp.	Yds.	Own Pass Int.	Punt Avg.	Lost Pen.
				Rush	Pass	Total							
A&M	5	71	267	1238	586	1824	84	37	440	4	35.2	345	
Opponent	55	222	975	311	1294	80	34	425	10	35.7	269		
Arkansas	5	72	253	947	574	1521	115	47	409	9	38.5	312	
Opponent	52	252	632	364	996	78	29	372	6	36.0	296		
Baylor	4	59	187	622	666	1288	89	45	506	7	40.3	249	
Opponent	33	164	444	350	794	88	34	386	13	34.6	253		
Rice	4	37	210	544	487	1031	60	23	383	5	35.0	259	
Opponent	54	194	617	386	1003	98	34	347	8	33.9	205		
SMU	5	77	190	558	888	1446	164	81	494	10	35.5	126	
Opponent	50	235	608	608	1216	94	39	415	10	38.6	363		
TCU	5	71	205	834	614	1448	106	51	481	9	38.6	315	
Opponent	78	279	942	541	1483	82	36	439	7	36.7	299		
Texas	5	59	271	1180	119	1299	34	9	265	4	37.8	409	
Opponent	79	244	635	489	1224	103	50	485	14	37.5	159		

LAST WEEK'S GAMES

Team	Score	1st Downs	Rush	Pass	Total	FWD PASS Att.	%	Comp.	Yds.	Own Pass Int.	Punt Avg.	Lost Pen.
A&M	14	41	199	118	317	15	6	400	2	36.8	65	
TCU	20	10	41	212	68	280	22	9	409	3	36.4	25
Arkansas	16	15	66	173	55	228	14	5	357	1	38.2	45
Texas	14	4	47	173	7	180	12	1	083	0	38.9	45
Baylor	40	18	53	123	250	373	25	18	720	1	35.7	70
Texas Tech	20	6	38	131	89	220	20	9	450	3	25.7	131
Rice	28	6	49	164	142	306	8	4	500	1	38.8	129
SMU	7	18	40	87	153	240	45	17	378	3	32.1	25

Total Offense Individual Leaders

Player	School	Total Plays	Net Rushing	Net Passing	Total Gain	Avg. Per Try
Benners	SMU	151	-22	780	758	5.0
McHan	Ark.	134	274	350	624	4.7
Isbell	Baylor	97	-9	571	562	6.0
Fowler	TCU	69	146	251	397	5.8
Bartosh	TCU	88	162	225	387	4.4
Graves	A&M	62	48	305	353	5.7
Lippman	A&M	59	334	0	334	5.7
Drake	Rice	61	-38	365	327	5.4

Leading Ball Carriers

Player	Times	Net Yds.	Avg. Gain
Lippman, A&M	59	337	5.7
Dawson, TU	36	302	8.2
McHan, Ark.	63	307	4.9
Riggs, Rice	50	251	4.3
Smith, A&M	53	242	4.6
Floyd, TCU	59	223	3.8
M'white, SMU	44	236	5.4
Barton, TU	63	244	3.9
Ochoa, TU	36	206	5.7
Norton, SMU	50	270	5.4

Leading Pass Receivers

Player	Passes Caught	Yds. Gained	Avg. Per Pass
Howton, Rice-E	15	428	28.5
Williams, Bay-E	13	275	21.2
Journey, Ark-E	15	251	16.7
M'slewhite, SMU-B	15	234	15.6
White, SMU-E	13	196	15.1
Russell, SMU-B	13	190	14.6
Summerall, Ark-E	12	177	14.8

Performance of Ball Carriers Last Week

Player	Times	Net Yds.	Avg. Gain
Lippman, A&M	18	80	4.4
Dawson, TU	8	92	11.4
McHan, Ark.	17	60	4.6
Riggs, Rice	9	48	4.8
Smith, A&M	15	76	5.0
Floyd, TCU	18	81	4.5
M'slewhite, SMU	11	20	1.2
Barton, TU	14	43	3.5
Ochoa, TU	4	15	3.8
Norton, SMU	15	60	2.9

Leading Passers

Player	No. Att.	No. Comp.	Net Gain	Avg. Per Pass
Benners, SMU	132	68	780	11.5
Isbell, Bay	82	40	571	14.3
Drake, Rice	28	15	365	24.3
McHan, Ark.	71	26	350	13.5
Graves, A&M	48	23	305	13.3
Gardemal, A&M	31	13	273	21.0
Fowler, TCU	85	19	251	13.2
Bartosh, TCU	44	18	225	12.5
Rinehart, Ark.	29	17	189	11.1

Performance of Passers Last Week

Player	No. Att.	No. Comp.	Net Gain	Avg. Per Pass
Benners, SMU	35	14	108	7.7
Isbell, Bay	18	13	155	11.9
Drake, Rice	8	4	142	35.5
McHan, Ark.	12	3	34	11.3
Graves, A&M	9	5	58	11.6
Gardemal, A&M	6	1	60	60.0
Fowler, TCU	Did not play			
Bartosh, TCU	12	5	28	5.6
Rinehart, Ark.	Did not play			

Hank Soar and Cal Hubbard, American League umpires, were formerly pro football players with the New York Giants.

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A&M's powerful eleven continued to lead the Southwest Conference in total offense and ground gaining with the first full week of league play underway. Coach Ray George's pass defense also stayed in the spot light as it remained the third best in the nation.

In total yardage gained, the Cadet eleven churned the turf for 1824 yards, with 1,238 coming on the ground which was also first.

Leading the conference in pass defense, the Aggies allowed only 311 yards to be gained against them. This ranked behind Washington and Lee and Columbia among the national football circles.

Glenn Lippman continued as the SWC's top ball carrier for the fifth straight week, having gained 334 yards in 59 carries. Bruisin' Bob Smith is in fifth place, carrying the ball 53 times for 229 yards.

Ray Graves and Dick Gardemal were the fifth and sixth top passers in the conference. Graves completed 23 passes of 48 attempts for 305 yards and four touchdowns. A&M's other top quarterback, Gardemal, completed 13 of 31 attempted passes for 273 yards and also four scores.

Darrow Hooper is tied for first place in PATs with 13 points; while Graves and Lippman rank sixth and seventh, respectively, among the conference's top offensive leaders.

Yale Lary has booted successfully 25 times for an average of 37.6 which is the seventh best in the SWC, but leads in punt returns with 17.7 yards for each of the 11 carries.

Basketball Fixers Released On Bond

New York, Oct. 24—Three ex-Kentucky basketball stars were free in \$1,000 bail yesterday after arraignment on charges of taking \$500 bribes to fix a 1949 college game.

Eager to testify before a grand jury, the men were reported to be cooperating with investigators probing the shocking national scandal. Their hearing was set for Nov. 7.

Vincent A. G. O'Connor, assistant district attorney, asked Magistrate Ambrose J. Haddock to set low bail because, he said, he does not consider the men "risks."

Alex Groza and Ralph Beard, former All-Americans and members of Kentucky's national championships of 1949 and 1949, and Dale Barnstable, 1949-50 captain, were the men involved.

Groza, six-foot seven-inch center, and Beard, pint-sized sharp shooting guard, are part owners and members of the Indianapolis Olympians of the National Basketball Association. Barnstable is a Louisville high school coach.

Charged With Taking

They are charged with taking \$500 each for shaving points in the March 14, 1949 National Invitation Tournament game with Loyola of Chicago at Madison Square Garden. Loyola won the game 76-56.

Groza and Beard were returned here from Chicago by Assistant District Attorney A. G. O'Connor last night, a few hours after the National Basketball Association ordered the two players to dispose of all their stock in the Olympians within a month. President Maurice Podoloff of the NBA previously had suspended them for life from playing in the pro league.

Barnstable has been here since Saturday night. Before leaving Chicago, where

Groza and Beard waived extradition, O'Connor said "you may assume that other schools probably are involved."

O'Connor's comment came when he was asked about a printed report that as many as seven more schools were to be quizzed in the point-rigging that already has involved seven schools and more than 30 players.

In addition to the three Kentuckians, players from Bradley, Toledo, City College of New York, Manhattan, Long Island University and New York University have become enmeshed in the gambling scandal.

O'Connor said 14 players already have been convicted in the gambler-conceived plot to big points.

Groza, Beard and Barnstable face prison sentences of one to three years if convicted of conspiracy, a misdemeanor. If convicted of bribery, a felony, the law calls for a prison sentence up to five years for each count.

Neither Beard nor Groza had much to say on their arrival in New York.

"I don't know what to say," was Groza's reply to reporters.

But in Chicago Beard told newsmen it might be a good idea if the scandal-hit players organized a playing tour in foreign countries. He added:

"For most of us basketball is our only means of livelihood. We shouldn't be punished forever."

—Beat Baylor—



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