

A&M Should Be First

Psychology May Determine SWC Football Champ

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Coaches usually profess great pleasure when their teams are rated out of championship contention. They say that's fine psychology—and it also makes their jobs easier. If nobody expects anything, nobody will be disappointed. At least that's the way it ought to be. But a lot of coaches have been fired for not winning with a team that wasn't supposed to win.

Anyway, Coach George Sauer of Baylor is going against the accepted theory. He says his Bears have much more ability than the sports writers give them credit for. He doesn't like that sixth-place rating they've accorded Baylor in the Southwest Conference race. Perhaps he's a trifle alarmed; perchance he fears that if the fans are led to believe Baylor can't beat anybody they will stay away from the stadium. Crowds are as necessary to coaches as good football players. But Sauer is different from most coaches anyway. He isn't the crying type; he considers his team's good points along with the bad. The others only talk about the bad.

Psychology Favors A&M

But if psychology favors anybody Ray George should be the fair-haired boy. Ray is coach of A&M, which is ranked seventh in the conference only because there are just seven teams. At least he's better off than Jess Neely of Rice was last year. Somebody placed Rice eighth. Which caused Jess to ask if maybe some other team—Texas Tech perhaps—had been

slipped into the conference without him knowing about it.

Rice did a pretty good job with a largely sophomore team. It fought for the title down to the last week.

Recalling the uncertainties of Southwest Conference football over the years, we are tempted to pick A&M to win the championship with Baylor a good second.

Eight SWC Sell Outs

Howard Grubbs, executive secretary of the Southwest Conference has applied to the NCAA for eight televised games this fall.

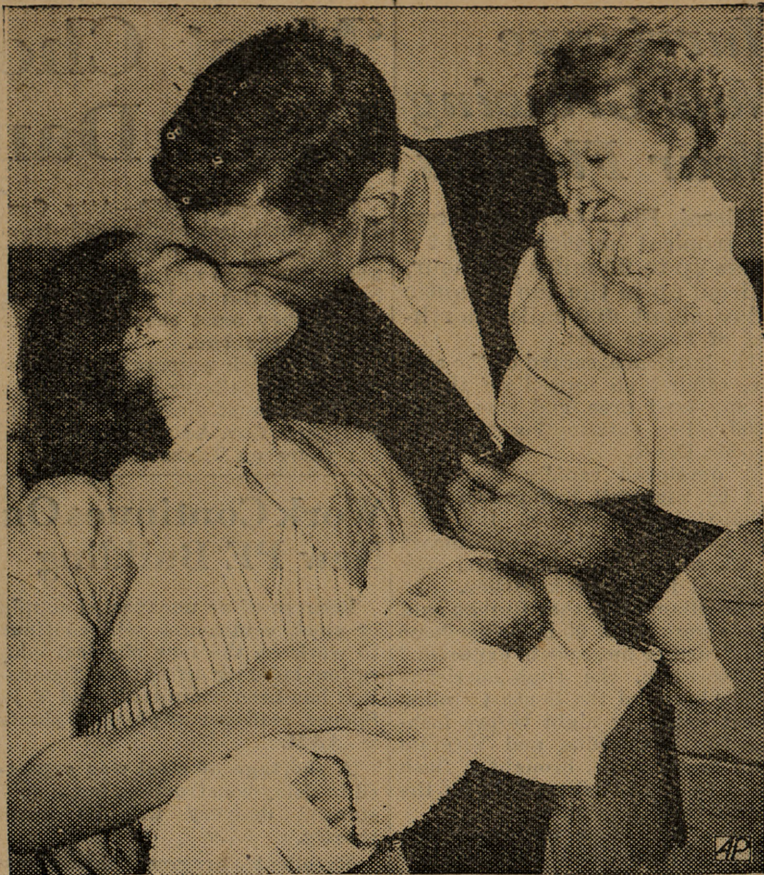
The NCAA, you know, is allotting games over the country to TV and has already indicated which are to be televised. But the Southwest Conference wants to follow its 1951 policy of telecasting all games that are sell-outs. And Grubbs thinks he has a good chance of getting this for the conference.

The Southwest won't be able to send television out over the nation until Jan. 1—the Cotton Bowl game. But San Antonio, Houston, Fort Worth and Dallas can televise locally.

The games indicated by Grubbs as possible sell-outs are Texas-Notre Dame, Oct. 4; Texas-Oklahoma, Oct. 11; Southern Methodist-Rice, Oct. 18; Texas-Rice, Oct. 25; Texas-Southern Methodist, Nov. 1; Texas-Texas Christian, Nov. 15; Texas-Texas A&M, Nov. 27; Texas Christian-Southern Methodist, Nov. 29.

Austin can not televise but San Antonio will do it on the Texas-Notre Dame game at Austin if permission is granted.

Last year four games were televised—Texas-Oklahoma, Southern Methodist-Texas Christian, Texas Christian-Texas A&M and Texas-Southern Methodist. They were sell-outs.



Walt "Buddy" Davis, Olympic high jump champion and A&M track and basketball star, was given a hero's welcome when he arrived at his home in Nederland from Helsinki and the Olympics. First to greet the gold medal winner were his wife, Margaret; one-year-old daughter, Mary Edith; and three-week-old Nancy, who got her first glimpse of "Daddy". It is hinted that Davis brought home a basketball contract from the Philadelphia Warriors which he will "carefully look over". (AP Photo)

Rain In Spotlight During AL Stretch

By Associated Press

Jupiter Pluvius may have a hand in deciding the American League pennant this year.

No, Jupiter Pluvius is not another castoff plucked by the New York Yankees for their stretch drive although he proved to be as helpful to the world champions as Ray Scarborough, the refugee from the Boston Red Sox.

The two combined to increase the Yankees' first-place margin to 2½ games over Cleveland yesterday. Scarborough, purchased last week from the Red Sox, handcuffed his former mates with three hits last night in pitching the New Yorkers to a 5-1 triumph.

Rain Helped St. Louis

Mr. J. P., otherwise known as Old Man Rain, helped the St. Louis Browns defeat Cleveland, 2-1, in the second game of the doubleheader after the Indians had won the opener, 9-3.

Rain halted the nightcap for an hour and 12 minutes in the bottom half of the fifth inning with the home team Browns ahead, 2-1. After the rain let up, St. Louis failed to score in the fifth and the Indians rallied for three runs in the top half of the sixth to take a 4-2 lead.

As the Browns prepared to bat in their half of the sixth, another rain storm broke and this time there was no let-up. The three runs were wiped out and the score reverted back to the fifth inning with St. Louis winning, 2-1.

Brooklyn Washed Out

Rain washed out Brooklyn's scheduled twin bill in Philadelphia but the Dodgers retained their nine-game lead in the National League as the second-place New York Giants divided a doubleheader in Boston. The Braves came back to win the second game, 5-1, after the Giants had captured the opener, 3-1.

In addition to washing out the scheduled twin bill between the Detroit Tigers and White Sox in Chicago, the rain, which swept the Eastern Seaboard, forced the Yankees and Red Sox to call off their two afternoon games in New York.

Yankees Down Red Sox

The Yankees, however, managed to salvage something by playing one of the games in the evening. A crowd of 16,529 saw the 34-year-old Scarborough limit the Red Sox to three hits for his first victory in a Yankee uniform. But for a

first-inning home run by Billy Goodman, Scarborough would have had a shutout.

The Yankees collected eight hits, five off loser Ellis Kinder, who hurled the first three innings.

A's, Senators Split

Splits marked all other doubleheaders. Philadelphia's fourth-place Athletics won a 10-inning 9-8 opener from Washington but the Senators came back to take the nightcap, 4-2.

Cincinnati won the second game, 3-2, after the St. Louis Cardinals had walked off with a 6-0 opening win. Chicago's Cubs thrashed Pittsburgh, 6-0, but the Pirates won the second game, 5-4.

Early Wynn registered his 18th triumph as the Indians backed him with a 14-hit attack against loser Gene Bearden and Tommy Byrne. Two-run homers by Luke Easter and Wally Westlake highlighted the Indians' victory. Clint Courtney's two-run homer in the second inning off Bob Lemon accounted for all St. Louis's second-game runs. Satchel Paige went the curtailed distance.

Cards, Reds Split

The Rice boys of St. Louis lapped first-inning homers to give Wilmer Vinegar Bend Mizell more runs than he needed to register his ninth win. Hal Rice's homer came with the bases loaded off loser Bubba Church. Del Rice hit his with nobody on base.

An error by Billy Johnson and singles by Joe Adcock and Roy McMillan produced a sixth-inning Cincinnati run that snapped a 2-2 tie and gave the Reds the second-game win.

Rookie righthander Ernie Johnson pitched a seven-hitter for the Braves, who knocked out Giant starter Larry Jansen in the first inning of the nightcap. The Giants took the opener on Max Lanier's four-hit hurling.

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Football Training Briefs

By ASSOCIATED PRESS

Austin—Head Coach Ed Price of the University of Texas was all smiles after a pair of brisk workouts opened fall practice for the Longhorns yesterday.

A 75-man squad giving the appearance of being in fine shape whipped through a morning session but found the going a little rougher under the broiling mid-afternoon sun.

Only one Longhorn griddier, Sophomore Halfback Dick Willing of Dallas, was unable to work out. He will be out until Wednesday with a foot injury suffered ten days ago.

Group work on fundamentals was spotlighted the first day.

Dallas—The Southern Methodist University Mustangs were up with the sun yesterday for their first workout of the season and the sun was low in the sky before they headed back to their dormitory.

One casualty was reported. Jim Mahew, St. Louis, a letterman guard, chipped a tooth in a collision with another teammate.

Fort Worth—Seventy candidates were on hand as Texas Christian launched fall grid drills today.

Coach L. R. "Dutch" Meyer sent his charges through two drills marked by rough contact in blocking and tackling.

Fayetteville, Ark.—Coach Otis Douglas worked his 66 grid prospects in two sessions yesterday as pleasant 80-degree weather greeted the University of Arkansas football squad.

The Razorbacks worked out in shorts during the morning session and then donned full equipment for the afternoon practice.

Houston—Rice opened football training on Labor Day, but the Owl's labor was light as they spent the day in light exercises in shorts and T-shirts.

Fifty-eight men reported, including two junior college transfers—End Tommy Wilson and Halfback William Gaskamp.

"We'll have some contact work by the end of the week," said Coach Jess Neely, "but no scrimmage. I want to give the boys several days yet to get their legs in shape."

Waco—Baylor started fall football practice yesterday with Coach George Sauer working four backfield units and declaring "every position on our entire team is wide open".

Juniors Jimmy Davenport and Francis Davidson and sophomores Billy Hooper and Frank Paschel quarterbacked the various units.

Little Gets Sport Mention At Center Slot

Aggie Jack Little, who will see duty on the 1952 grid squad as offensive center and defensive tackle, was named honorable mention in the Sports Magazine All-America pre-season football selections.

Little was named to the Look Magazine first team last year as defensive tackle.

Sport Magazine picked Bill Forester of SMU on his first string in the tackle position.

Others from the Southwest Conference picked on the mythical pre-season teams were the following: second team—Bill Athey, Baylor, guard. Honorable mention—Don Rhoden, Rice, center; Ray McKown, TCU, back; Gib Dawson, Texas, back; and Lamar McHan, Arkansas, back.

Blair Meets Gaytan In San Antonio Tonight

San Antonio, Sept. 2.—(AP)—Jacky Blair, Dallas, Texas featherweight champion, will meet Francisco Gaytan, Matamoros, Mexico, in the 10-round main event of a boxing show here tonight.

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Aggie Grid Roster

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more, Lafayette, La.; Bobby Dixon, senior, Ingleside; Howard Childers, sophomore, Amarillo; Lonnie Martin, sophomore, Cotulla; Dick Little, senior, Corpus Christi; Dick Frey, senior, Houston and Lawrence Winkler, sophomore, Temple.

Guards—Bob Cosney, junior, Ft. Worth; Ray Burnett, sophomore, San Angelo; Marshall Rush, senior, Lampasas; Sid Therio, sophomore, Abilene; W. G. Blair, senior, Carthage; Louie Capt, sophomore, Uvalde; and T. K. Niland, junior, Houston.

Centers—Leo Marquette, sophomore, Marrero, La.; Bob McCarty, junior, McKinney; Cooper Robbins, Jr., senior, Breckenridge; Bill McMahan, junior, Itasca; Ivan Greenhaw, Sunset.

Quarterbacks—Roy Dollar, senior, Mexia; Ray Graves, senior, Stephenville; Edgar Hennig, sophomore, Taylor and Don Ellis, junior, DeQuincy, La.

Halfbacks—John Salyer, junior, Austin; Pete Mayeaux, junior, New Orleans; Raymond Haas, senior, Kingsville; Juan Coronado, sophomore, Pearsall; John Cavleer, sophomore, Austin; Elwood Kattler, sophomore, Brenham; Bill Ballard, junior, Wylie; Bob Stout, sophomore, Baytown; Herbert Scott, junior, Hearne; Warren Anderson, sophomore, San Antonio;

Joe Boring, sophomore, Dallas and Joe Schero, sophomore, San Antonio.

Fullbacks—Don Katchik, sophomore, Rio Hondo; Herbert Wolf, sophomore, Houston; Charles Hall, sophomore, Dallas; Hoard Zuch, junior, Austin; and Connie Magourik, junior, New London.

Mitchell Gains AL Bat Crown, Musial Leads

New York.—(AP)— After leading the American League in hitting for the better part of two months, Ferris Faine, Philadelphia first baseman, slumped to a point where he must now share the lead with Cleveland's Dale Mitchell for a day at least.

Horsecollared in eight appearances at the plate in yesterday's doubleheader with Washington, Faine dropped to .332, where Mitchell was waiting for him.

The husky Cleveland outfielder maintained his .332 pace since last week and his three-for-eight day in Monday's twin bill enabled him to deadlock Faine for the leadership.

Still atop the National League race and gaining ground steadily is Stan Musial of the Cardinals. Stanley, the perennial hitting champ, came out of his doldrums of last week and shot up to .337, a gain of 12 points.

He now has a lead of 21 points over Cincinnati's Ted Kluszewski. Kluszewski dropped a point from last week but still holds down second place with .316.

The Yankee's Gene Woodling retains the third spot in the American League with .329. George Kell of Boston and Woodling's mate, Mickey Mantle round out the A.L.'s top five.

Kell has gone up three points, to .315. Mantle is on the rise again with an eight-point leap from .300.

In the National League, Frankie Baumholtz of Chicago came from nowhere to fall in behind Kluszewski in third place at .314. The Giants Whitey Lockman, enjoying a two-point increase over the week, fell a notch to fourth with .309. Following Whitey is Brooklyn's Jackie Robinson at .305.

Major League Standings

| National League | | | | |
|-----------------|----|----|------|--------|
| | W | L | Pct | Behind |
| Brooklyn | 83 | 42 | .664 | — |
| New York | 75 | 52 | .591 | 9 |
| St. Louis | 74 | 57 | .565 | 12 |
| Philadelphia | 70 | 58 | .547 | 14½ |
| Chicago | 66 | 68 | .493 | 21½ |
| Boston | 56 | 73 | .434 | 29 |
| Cincinnati | 57 | 75 | .432 | 29½ |
| Pittsburgh | 39 | 95 | .291 | 48½ |

| American League | | | | |
|-----------------|----|----|------|--------|
| | W | L | Pct | Behind |
| New York | 77 | 54 | .588 | — |
| Cleveland | 75 | 57 | .568 | 2½ |
| Boston | 69 | 59 | .539 | 6½ |
| Philadelphia | 69 | 61 | .531 | 7½ |
| Chicago | 67 | 62 | .519 | 9 |
| Washington | 67 | 64 | .511 | 10 |
| St. Louis | 55 | 78 | .414 | 23 |
| Detroit | 43 | 87 | .331 | 33½ |



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