



Around The Conference

# Aggies Not In Cellar; Steers Ranked No. 1

By Ed Holder  
Battalion Sports Editor

The Aggies won't finish last. Texas or TCU is favored to take the title. Both teams should be strong. The Longhorns boast three proven all-American candidates and one good possibility. TCU fields a team made up mostly of juniors, . . . the men who last year as sophomores downed a mighty A&M and went on to take the conference.

The Battalion picks it this way:

1. TEXAS
2. TCU
3. RICE
4. ARKANSAS
5. A&M
6. SMU
7. BAYLOR

Here's why:

Texas will have three All-American candidates back. Harley Sewell at guard, Gib Dawson at halfback, and Tom Stolhandske at

### TCU Has Leadership Trouble

Leadership is the problem of the Horned Frogs. Depth is one of the stronger points. The center post is perhaps the weakest spot on the squad. At this position only two men now are counted on. The majority of the team is 29 juniors. Coach Dutch Meyer has 18 seniors. He has a strong backfield, although perhaps the strongest man, Bobby Jack Floyd, will not play. He is ineligible for scholastic reasons.

Malvin Fowler, 205-pounder who ran tailback most of last year, looms as Floyd's replacement. Bill Doty and Jim Amburg will back him up. Mickey Teems, a letterman, and Malcolm Wallace, a transfer from Arlington State College also show plenty of promise. The Frogs were hurt defensively. Keith Flowers, last year's All-America linebacker, will be hard to replace. A good fill-in for him appears to be Bobby McEachern, senior center from Austin. The platoon system will be used again. In fact few, if any, of the defensive men will learn offensive signals. In the tailback spot will be either Gilbert Bartosh or Ray McKown. Bartosh is a senior with plenty of experience. He led the conference in 1950 in total offense, and was fourth in the nation. A leg injury kept him largely in the background last year. McKown showed promise last season, and is now a junior.

All the top punters, runners, passers, and pass receivers will be back, and with the ever-wise Coach Meyer at the helm, TCU rates second.

### Rice Strong and Solid

The Owls will be strong and solid. Looking back at what they did to the Aggies last year, and considering 21 of last year's 29 lettermen are returning, we rate Rice high on the list. Coach Jess Neely lost All-America end Bill Howton, and Sonny McCurry, who both played in the East-West game. End positions are weak, with only two returning lettermen. R. J. Schroeder and Bill Fisk saw enough action to earn their letters, but the wing slots will be lacking in the old "know-how."

At the other positions, the returning men are well distributed, with four tackles, four guards, three centers, one quarterback, four halfbacks, and one fullback.

### Another Heavy Arkansas Line

Arkansas lost their line. But believe it or not, they have another to take its place. They might not have the experience, but with their size, and two non-conference games for warm ups, they easily could prove more than a match for at least three of the conference teams. With Lamar McHan doing their passing, running, punting, etc. . . . we rate the Porkers high. McHan is a 205 pounder who likes rough stuff, can throw better this year than ever, punted a 37.3 yard average last year.

The Razorbacks have a strong defensive backfield. All but one are seasoned men. The newcomer is a least big enough. He is 215 pound sophomore George Moranz. The stout Arkansas defense will be a decisive factor in their success this season. And it's hard to see how they can miss with the manpower and experience. We rate them fourth, but if McHan is injured, you might place them on bottom.

### Aggies Lose Backfield

Coach Ray George has lost his dream backfield. In its place he must put inexperienced sophomores, juniors, and some seniors. However, he has four non-conference games to season them, he has a top-notch coaching staff and his Aggies will be rated the underdog.

In the backfield it looks like Ray Graves at quarterback, Graves is a top passer and ball handler. He gained good experience last year and you can look for him to show a sharper passing arm and smoother ball handling. Doing the carrying chores probably will be Connie Magourik at fullback with Raymond Haas and Don Ellis at the halfback posts.

In the line will be Jack Little, All-America tackle. The ends will be the strongest spot on the team and have the greatest depth. Eric Miller and Darrow Hooper are likely starters. Eight other ends are ready to back them, while Walter Hill, benched last year with an injury, will head the defensive end department.

Few of the position assignments are final, but we see Coach George coming up with something better than a cellar team and bigger surprises.

### SMU Weak—Inexperienced

The Mustangs are supposed to produce their best team since the championship squads of 1947 and 1948. We don't see it that way. SMU has Jerry Norton in the (See SMU, Page 3)

end will give the Longhorns all-around power.

Richard Ochoa, who looked like a powerhouse against the Aggies last year, will return. He stands as a possible candidate for honors, and he also adds that needed punch at the fullback slot for the Orange and White.

Coach Ed Price will use the split-T formation. This was the attack last year from which he generated so much running power.

The ground game should be as strong if not better. But the big trouble is the passing. Texas needs a quarterback who can pass. And it looks like Bunny Andrews will get the job. Andrews logged only 12 minutes of playing time in '51, but showed up well in spring training. His passing is improving, and if he can turn in a good tossing job, Texas should take top honors. However, a lot depends on sophomores who have the tough job of taking over places vacated by men like Halfback Don Barton, Quarterback Dan Page, and Fullback Byron Townsend.

# Horned Frogs to Field Team Of 24 Lettermen

TCU's Horned Frogs are expected to field one of the strongest football teams in the conference.

Leo R. (Dutch) Meyer begins his 19th year, as head coach of the Frogs with 27 returning lettermen and another veteran who lettered in 1950.

With the exception of the center post, where only two men now are "counted on," the team is fairly deep at all positions. There are 18 seniors, 29 juniors, and the rest of the 70-man squad is sophomores.

But from these 29 juniors came the bulk of last year's team which handed the Aggies their first defeat, and went on to take the conference.

### Light Line

Once again the Frogs will not depend on a heavy line. Both the offensive and defensive forward walls average 200 pounds.

Back in the lineup are the top passers, top punters, pass receivers and all but one of the best

ball carriers. Bobby Jack Floyd was the leading scorer but now is ineligible due to scholastic difficulties.

The platoon system will be used again. In fact, few of the defensive men will learn offensive signals.

TCU will operate from the Meyer Spread. This is the formation which drew national attention last year as the Frogs scored three or more touchdowns in eight of their 11 games and two or more six-pointers in 10 of the 11.

They averaged almost 14 first downs per game and rang up the remarkable totals of 1,672 yards running and 1,542 passing.

### Better Passing

The passing attack promises to be better than last year's with Gilbert Bartosh, Ray McKown, Malvin Fowler, and Danny Powell having more experience.

### TCU Schedule

- Sept. 20—Kansas, Lawrence, Kan.
- Sept. 27—UCLA, Los Angeles, Calif.
- Oct. 4—Arkansas, Fort Worth
- Oct. 11—Trinity, San Antonio
- Oct. 18—A&M, College Station
- Nov. 1—Baylor, Fort Worth
- Nov. 8—Wake Forest, Port Worth
- Nov. 15—Texas, Fort Worth
- Nov. 22—Rice, Houston
- Nov. 29—SMU, Dallas

### Owl Schedule

- Sept. 27—Texas Tech, \*Houston
- Oct. 4—LSU, \*Houston
- Oct. 11—UCLA, Los Angeles
- Oct. 18—SMU, \*Houston
- Oct. 25—Texas, Houston
- Nov. 1—Wisconsin, Houston
- Nov. 8—Arkansas, Fayetteville
- Nov. 15—Texas A&M, College Station
- Nov. 22—TCU, Houston
- Nov. 29—Baylor, Waco \*night game

Rated a fairly strong contender for SWC honors this season, Rice won't be an easy opponent for the Farmers, but they have a good chance to take revenge for the last seven years on Nov. 15 in Kyle Field.

Although possessing a strong backfield crew, Rice is a little short in the line department because of the departure of McCurry, Howton, and Walls.

(See RICE, Page 3)

# Rice Weak On Ends But Still Has Drake

Rice Institute will be the Aggies' last opponent before the Turkey Day contest with Texas in Austin.

The Owls lost some of their power of 1951 when end big Bill Howton, Sonny McCurry, Billy Burkhalter, Glenn Walls and Teddy Riggs were graduated last spring.

Even with the passing of such a fine quarterback as Dan Drake, the Owls are weak in the receiver department as a result of Howton's leaving. The big end had an uncanny ability at catching "impossible" passes.

Comparatively weak Owl contingents have, in the past two years, defeated vastly superior A&M teams. Scores for the last two seasons have been Rice 21 and 28 to A&M's 13 and 13.

In the 37 years since the Cadets first played Rice Institute in football, the Aggies have won 21, lost 13 and tied 3.

The last time A&M won a game from the Owls was in 1944. During the reign of Smith and Co., the

Aggies didn't win a single match from Rice.

## A Sincere Welcome . . .

TO ALL FRESHMEN AND RETURNING STUDENTS

AGGIELAND STUDIO  
NORTH GATE

OFFICIAL PHOTOGRAPHER FOR  
THE AGGIELAND '53

Welcome . . .  
RETURNING STUDENTS  
and NEW STUDENTS

### 3 Convenient Locations . . .

- Main Plant behind Sbis
- Above Exchange Store
- New Dorm Area

# Campus Cleaners

Phone 4-5114

# Bears Weak

(Continued from Page 1)

The last time the Aggies played Baylor in Waco, the Bears took a 27-20 triumph from Smith, Lippman, Tidwell and Co., in a hard-fought game.

Since Grantland Rice, in LOOK magazine, put the Aggies in the cellar of the SWC with Baylor running right ahead of the Cadets in sixth place, the Cadet-Bear tussle could prove to be as exciting a game as the Aggies play this season.

## College Hills Laundry, Inc.

QUALITY SERVICE AT  
ECONOMICAL PRICES

Phone 4-1151

College Station

WELCOME  
BACK  
AGGIES!

for the best . . .

HOME  
COOKED  
MEALS

— VISIT —

## A. & M. GRILL

Ph. 4-9384

North Gate

Lamps and  
School Supplies

Uniforms ★  
Mops & Brooms

★  
Drug

Needs

Clocks ★  
Pails & Kem-Tone

★  
Electrical &  
Hardware

★  
Shoe Polish ★  
Waste Baskets

★  
Brass &  
Brass Polish

# Taylor's Campus Variety

North Gate