

10 Games Lined Up For Aggie Football Season

A 10-game schedule lies ahead of the Aggie gridsters this year, with all the Southwest conference teams and four out-of-staters ready to meet the Aggies.

Here are the games, the date and location of play, and a little bit about the opposition:

Texas Tech
(Sept. 18—Here)

Although Texas Tech lost seven starters from the powerful 1953 club, the Red Raiders are expected to be just as tough in '54. Coach DeWitt Weaver (Southwestern of 1953) has 23 lettermen back from his national scoring championship team, Gator bowl victors over Auburn.

The Raiders' 11-1 record last year may serve to prepare their opponents better in '54 than their 3-7-1 mark of '52 did last season. The Aggies were the only team to defeat Tech last fall, winning 27-14 before the largest crowd ever to see a game in Lubbock—27,000.

The Raiders lost Bobby Cavazos, second team all-America halfback, plus 15 others. Most notable returnees: Quarterback Jack Kirkpatrick and Tackle Jerry Walker.

This opener in Kyle field will be the 14th game between the two schools in a series dating back to 1927. The Aggies hold an 11-2 advantage.

Oklahoma A&M
(Sept. 26—Dallas)

These two Aggie teams will meet for the 8th time in the Cotton Bowl this fall, with the Texans out front, six games to one. The last meeting was in 1952 at Dallas with Texas A&M taking a hard-earned 14-7 victory.

Coach J. B. Whitworth's O-Aggies return 12 of the 20 lettermen from 1953 but their entire starting line plus fullback Earl Lunsford, one of the nation's top ground gainers, stays intact. Another bright factor is Quarterback Fred Meyers, who joined Whit's Cowpokes from the Army team. A great passer and ball-handler, Meyers was the starting QB for the Army freshmen team, but a deficiency in math caused him to leave the Point.

Other outstanding stars are Linemen Dale Meinert, guard; Jack Hutchison, tackle and End Bob LaRue.

University of Georgia
(Oct. 2—Athens, Ga.)

The Aggies are two games up on Georgia and will play for the third time in Athens this fall. First meeting was the Presidential Cup game at Maryland in 1950 with A&M winning, 40-20. The second meeting came last fall in Dallas, the Aggies taking a 14-12 game featured by Don Ellis' edging Zeke Bratkowski in passing.

The Georgia Brat is gone this year and so is his favorite receiver, End John Carson. But Quarterback Jimmy Harper is in the driver's seat now and he has much help from Fullback Bob Clemens, Capt. Joe O'Malley, Halfback Wendell Tarleton and Center Harold Cook.

Georgia returns 20 and loses 13 lettermen.

University of Houston
(Oct. 9—Houston)

The Houston Cougars, like Georgia, still are seeking their first win over the Aggies after two tries, but last year managed a 14-14 tie. In the series opener in 1952 the Aggies won, 21-13.

Coach Clyde Lee has 18 lettermen back for 1954 and lost the same number including such stalwarts as Quarterback Bobby Clatterback, Fullback Paul Carr and Tackles Bob Chuoke and Buddy Gillioz.

Leading candidates for scardom this coming season are Fullback Jack Patterson and Guard Jim Blackstone.

Texas Christian University
(Oct. 16—Here)

Kyle field will be the setting for the 50th renewal of the Aggie-Horned Frog rivalry, dating back to 1897. The Aggies lead TCU, 26 games won to 18 with five tied, but in the last 10 years the Frogs have won 7, lost 3 with one tie. Wildest game in this recent period was A&M's 42-23 win in 1950.

Chief losses were Morgan Williams at guard and Malvin Fowler, Ray McKown and Ronald Fraley in the backfield. Best men back are Halfback Ronald Clinkscale, and Tackle Ray Hill.

Baylor University
(Oct. 23—Waco)

It's getting to be the rule rather than the exception—these close games between the Aggies and

Baylor. The 1953 game at College Station was no exception, the Bears nipping the Ags, 14-13, in spite of a great aerial display by A&M's Don Ellis. Both teams went into that game unbeaten.

Seven points is the most that has separated these two clubs since 1949. The Aggies haven't beaten Baylor since 1947 but tied the Bears in 1951 and came within a point two other times. The rivalry is 50 games old, the 1954 battle being the 51st game, with A&M out front, 29 games to 14. Seven games were tied.

The Bears return 12 lettermen including six starters and lost 15 including five regulars. QB Fran Cotton Davidson and Halfback Jerry Coody, both prominent players in the last three Aggie games, are gone, as are End Wayne Hopkins, Tackle Bob Knowles and Guards Bill Lucky and Pete Erben among others.

Best returning Bears: Fullback Allen Jones, Halfback L. G. Dupre, Tackle Jim Smith and End Excell Amyett.

University of Arkansas
(Oct. 30—Here)

Arkansas took a one-game lead in the Aggie series with the 41-14 victory at Little Rock last fall. The Porkers now lead A&M 13 games to 12 with two having been tied.

This series dates back to 1903 with continuous play since 1934. The rivalry the past five years has been a see-saw affair, AU winning three and the Cadets two.

Lamar McHan, great tailback for the past three years, is gone this year but Coach Bowden Wyatt has a fine newcomer in Sophomore George Walker who is expected to be every bit as sharp as the all-conference ace McHan.

Wyatt is in his second year at Arkansas where he uses the single wing offense.

Southern Methodist University
(Nov. 6—Dallas)

The Aggie-SMU series is the "newest" of the rivalries on the Aggie conference slate, beginning in 1916. The Aggies hold a slight margin over the Mustangs with 17 victories to 14 for SMU with five

games having been tied. In the last 10 years each has won four with two ties, but the Dallas club has won two in a row over the Aggies, last year's 23-0 SMU victory being the widest margin in the series since A&M's 39-6 victory in 1944.

The 37th game in the series will be played this fall in the Cotton bowl. Coach Woody Woodard's Mustangs return 13 lettermen, and lose the same number. Gone are such stalwarts as Jerry Norton, Don Miller, Jack Gunlock, and Tiny Goss. But among those returning are End Ed Bernet, Tackle Forrest Gregg, and Backs Frank Eidom, Don McIlhenny and Duane Nutt.

Rice Institute
(Nov. 13—Here)

Not since 1944 has A&M beaten Rice. And the 1954 Cotton Bowl champs appear to be strong again this coming season. They'll be favored to extend their winning streak over the Aggies to 10.

Although the Owls lost by graduation every lineman but Guard Kenny Paul, replacements are more than adequate and Paul is considered one of the top linemen in the Southwest.

The Owls lost all-America Fullback Kosse Johnson but retain that terrific halfback—Dick Moegle—who was named to the all-time Cotton bowl team after his sensational performance in the rout of Alabama last New Year's Day.

The Aggie-Owl rivalry dates back to 1916 and only the early-day Aggie dominance keeps A&M ahead in the series, 20 games to 15 for Rice with three ties. The 39th game is slated Nov. 13 at College Station.

University of Texas
(Nov. 25—Austin)

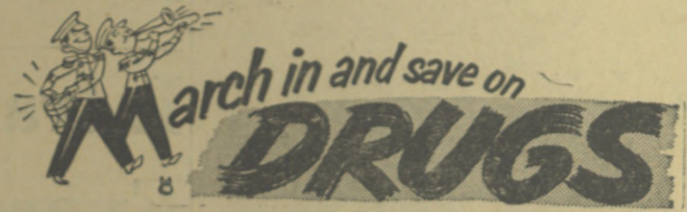
Any way you figure the 1954 conference race, the Texas Longhorns come out on top. Gaining a share of the title last year heavily loaded with sophomores, the Texans are top favorites to win the crown outright.

Coach Ed Price welcomes back seven starters, plus 62 percent of the 1953 ball-carrying strength, the same percentage of scoring

punch and 71 percent of the passing game. Quarterback Charley Brewer, Fullback Billy Quinn and Halfback Delano Womack are the top backs returning, while in the

line the powers are Tackles Herb Gray and Buck Lansford, Center Tommy Tatum and Guard Kirby Miller. TU returns 22 lettermen with 12 lost.

On top of all this, the Aggies have never won a game in Memorial stadium—scene of the 61st renewal of one of the longest grid-iron rivalries.



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Aggies Will Use Split-T Offense

The offense to be used by the Aggies this year is popularly known as the Split-T. There are many variations to this style of offense, first developed by Don Faurot, and undoubtedly Paul Bryant will have a few of his own to keep the opposition off balance.

This was proved during the 1953 season when a young Kentucky team surprised the experts by finishing in second place in the S.E.C. after a slow start. The same type offense is to be used again with certain additions and changes according to the personnel available.

Gaps in Line

Basically the line will be balanced with splits or gaps between each lineman. These splits will vary in size according to the play and defense. The other basic maneuver which distinguishes the Split-T from the regular T comes from the quarterback. His ball handling and faking will take place as close to the line of scrimmage as possible.

The quarterback will also carry the ball as much as any other member of the backfield.

Allows Passing

The passing attack is designed to coordinate with the running attack as to backfield maneuvers and faking by the quarterback. The Split-T is not conducive to a wide open type passing attack but it does afford ample opportunity to utilize this phase of the game. In fact, Bryant's 1953 club was among the top teams in the coun-

try in passes thrown for touchdowns.

Burden on Fullback

The fullback position this fall will carry the burden of rushing and faking if spring practice sessions are any indication. The faking and running threat of the fullback in this type offense is essential for success.

A&M is fortunate to have two seasoned lettermen in this spot. Don Kachtik and Bob Easley will provide strength and experience to an otherwise small and inexperienced 1954 backfield.

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