

Bryant Lauds Kettler; 'Better Every Game'

By The Battalion Sports Staff

Aggie quarterback Elwood Kettler, the gritty, redheaded youngster who has gained more yardage than any player in the Southwest conference after he was switched to a new position, got a big pat on the back yesterday from Head Coach Paul Bryant.

The Aggie varsity had just finished their practice session of the day, dividing time between offense and defense for the TCU game. The first team worked out in sweat suits for the second straight day, but the rest of the varsity put on pads. Fullback Don Kachtik, who stayed out of Monday's light workout, took part in the session.

Asked what Cadet player has pleased him the most, Bryant instantly replied, "Mister Elwood Kettler. Everything considered, I would say he has done a terrific job."

'Sheer Guts'

What is Kettler's major attribute? Bryant punched his heart. "He's gotten better in every game," he said. "On sheer guts and determination, he turned two bad plays into nice gains in the Houston game."

One of the plays Bryant was referring to was Kettler's 24 yard sprint around left end after a fake pass in the fourth quarter. Two blockers were supposed to have been downfield but weren't and Kettler had to go it alone.

Bryant was peeved over the missed assignments on plays close to the goal. He said, "The thing I don't understand is why we can't learn our signals. We have less offense than any team in America because we're missing assignments."

Lack of Poise

He was exaggerating the lack of offense (A&M has averaged 226 yards per game offensively) to point out the scoring opportunities the Cadets have missed during the season. Bryant and his assistants have worked all season to correct the lack of poise the gridsters seem to suffer when they get close to the enemy goal.

Center Lloyd Hale also received

Tuesday Games Start Full Slate Of Intramurals

Intramural sports got into full swing yesterday, with basketball, tennis, football, horseshoes and swimming sharing the spotlight. Upperclassmen sports were basketball, tennis and swimming. Freshmen sports were football, horseshoes and swimming.

In basketball, A QMC defeated B Composite, 24-7, Sqdn. 11 downed ASA, 26-10; B Inf. bested A Sig., 54-8; Sqn. 1 beat A Cml, 15-13 and A Ath. surged past A Inf., 30-13.

In intramural tennis, Sqn. 19 swept past A TC, 8-1, 8-2 and 8-3; A FA won over Sqn. 20, 2-1; B Armor took Sqn. 14, 2-1; Sqn. 10 beat First Regimental Staff, 8-0, 8-5, 8-5; A Ord. beat Sqn. 3, 8-1, 8-4 and 8-2; Sqn. 12 beat C Inf., 8-0, 8-5, 3-8. Sqn. 4 beat A AAA, 8-5, 8-2 and 2-8.

In football, Sqn. 5 beat B Inf., 6-0; A Inf. beat Sqn. 4, 19-0; Sqn. 6 beat C Inf., 2-0; D Inf. beat Sqn. 7, 7-2; and CFA beat A Armor, 40-0.

In horseshoes, AFA beat Sqn. 12, 2-1; and A Ord. downed Sqn. 17, 2-1.

In upperclassmen swimming, Wattring, Law Hall, had the best qualifying time in the 100-foot backstroke with 20.3 seconds. Other qualifiers were Koen, Sqn. 7; Williamson, D Inf.; Seth, B Eng.; Cobb, Sqn. 10; Hoffman, Sqn. 21; Swofford, Sqn. 17; Kirkpatrick, B Inf.; Barnard, First Regimental Staff; and Schweizer, A Ord.

In freshmen swimming, Fletcher, Sqn. 25, had the best qualifying time with 22 seconds. Other qualifiers were Sapp, Sqn. 13; Prese, B Eng.; Grantham, Maroon band; Moore, B Armor; Wodrick, Sqn. 10; Redd, Sqn. 21; Manicon, Sqn. 16; Schoenfeld, Sqn. 17; and Spivey, Sqn. 6.

Terry Brennan, new Notre Dame football coach, won letters in football, track and hockey for the Irish.

praise from Bryant. "He has been one of the three or four consistent football players on the squad," Bryant said.

Hale was switched to center about four days before the season opener with Texas Tech, but has started every game since.

SPORTS SHORTS

By JERRY WIZIG
Battalion Sports Editor

Evidence showed up a couple of days ago that it isn't just the eyes of Texas that are upon Paul (Bear) Bryant's Operation Football at A&M. The evidence came in the form of a column in the Los Angeles Examiner the day before the TCU-Southern California football game.

Amos Melton, Director of Information Services at TCU is pictured as being mighty afraid that intensified recruiting of football players at A&M is going to cause a "war" for high school athletes in the Southwest conference. Melton is quoted:

"What's got us scared stiff at TCU is the possibility that Bryant may get those folks mad down at University of Texas."

'They'll Blow Up Everything'

"If they get mad, they'll blow up everything like an atom bomb. Nobody can compete with those boys in a recruiting war. They're too big and too many."

Melton characterizes UT alumni as being (a) loyal and (b) loaded. "Man, they'd wipe us out like lightning strikin' the barn. Those are oil millions we're buckin'," he said.

What has the recruiting situation in the Southwest been before, if not a war?

Ags Busy—But Who Wasn't

Obviously Bryant and his staff were a busy bunch between February and September, but what if the Aggies got away with some boys that other schools thought they had ready for the dotted line—well, it's happened plenty of times before, so why criticize A&M for keeping on trying for players who haven't signed their letter of intent? After all, isn't a fish still in the pond if he hasn't been landed?

The Examiner columnist cites as an example the moving of the whole family of a boy from a small town to Houston and getting them jobs so they could be near their son at College Station. The columnist states that recent ruling by the conference prohibiting aid to an athlete's family was aimed primarily at Bryant and A&M. (We don't know if the example is right or not.)

Mitchell's Letter Is Wrong

In today's Letters to the Editors column is a letter from A. F. Mitchell '09. Mitchell says The Battalion quoted Bryant "in his more or less confidential talks to the players" and states The Battalion quoted Bryant's remarks to the players before they left for the University of Houston game. The quotes in Friday's pre-game story were taken from a press conference with Bryant. The remarks Mitchell '09. Mitchell says The Battalion quoted Bryant "in his more or less confidential talks to the players" and states The Battalion quoted Bryant's remarks to the players before they left for the University of Houston game.

Mitchell sent copies of his letter to Chancellor M. T. Harrington and President David H. Morgan.

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Kittens Play Brenham Again Tomorrow

After being held to a surprising 13-13 tie by Navasota junior high last Thursday, A&M Consolidated junior high travels to Brenham for a non-district game at 7:30 p.m. tomorrow.

The Kittens, second in their district, downed Brenham 20-7 in an earlier game. CHS now has a season mark of two wins and a tie in three starts and one win and a tie in district play.

Coach Horace Shaffer plans to start this lineup: Bobby Ross and Kirby Jackson at ends, Bennie Jackson and John Beatty at tackles, Pete Rodriguez and Royce Hickman at guards, George Carroll at center, Edgard Feldman at quarterback, Sidney Greer and Ken Cooner or John Wayne Todd at halfbacks and Jim Wright at fullback.

Freshmen Work Long, Hard For Cub Game Thursday

A two-hour workout climaxed by a thorough drill on execution of offensive plays yesterday ended rough work for the Fish before Thursday night's game in Waco with the Baylor Cubs.

Over 10,000 fans are expected for the contest, called one of the best freshman football games of the 1954 season. Kickoff time is 8 p.m. at Municipal stadium, not the new Baylor stadium.

Head coach Paul Bryant said yesterday that Jim Stanley, a starting tackle, will miss the game. Stanley suffered a broken finger in the Wog game last week. End Roger Hobson, who also has gotten in a lot of playing time for the Fish, might also miss the game because of injuries.

Bryant called Stanley an "outstanding lineman" for the Fish this year. He described halfback John

Crow as a "very fine prospect." "If he doesn't lose his desire and ambition, he is going to be a fine player," Bryant said.

"I'll say the same thing about Stanley that I said about Crow," he added.

The explosive-starting Crow has gained 136 yards rushing in 17 tries, an average of 8 yards per carry. He got 83 yards in 13 carries last week and 53 in four against Houston. He also returned an intercepted pass for 60 yards and a touchdown in the season opener.

Bryant also had praise for ends Bobby Marks and Dean Meeks, halfbacks Lloyd Taylor and Ed Dudley, and fullback Ken Hall. "The freshmen have got good spirit," he said.

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