

Aggies Look Ready for Best Game

Keyed-Up Players Ready for Upset

Apparently pepped up for their top effort of the season, A&M's thin but determined Cadets leave tonight for Saturday's game with a potentially great Baylor team.

After his varsity worked out in shoulder pads and sweat pants yesterday, Coach Paul Bryant announced that 33 or 34 players would make the trip by bus tonight after supper. The team is due to leave at 7 p.m. and will stay at the Roosevelt hotel.

Saturday's game features A&M's pass defense, best in the nation, against the aerial thrusts of Baylor quarterback Billy Hooper, leading passer in the Southwest conference. The duel between Hooper and Aggie man-under Elwood Kettler also should keep the Baylor homecoming crowd on edge.

A crowd of about 37,000 is expected for the 2 p.m. kickoff, to watch A & M try for its first victory over Baylor since 1947. Baylor has won the last two games by one point—14-13

last year, 21-20 in 1952—and tied 21-21 in 1951.

Yesterday's light drill concentrated on brushing up offensive plays, defensive patterns and kicking. The Aggies appeared in their best spirits of the week as they romped through the drill. A 15 minute session is scheduled for this afternoon.

Bryant announced this probable starting lineup: Left end, Jack Pardee or Billy McGowan; left tackle, Bill Schroeder; left guard, Ray Barrett; center, Lloyd Hale; right guard, Norb Ohlendorf; right tackle, Larry Winkler; right end, Bennie Sinclair;

Quarterback, Elwood Kettler; halfbacks, Don Watson and Joe Schero; fullback, Don Kachtik.

Seven players on probable starting eleven are seniors, and this will be their last chance to beat Baylor, another reason why the Aggies figure to be playing their best. The seniors are McGowan, Barrett, Ohlendorf, Winkler, Sinclair, Schero and Kachtik.

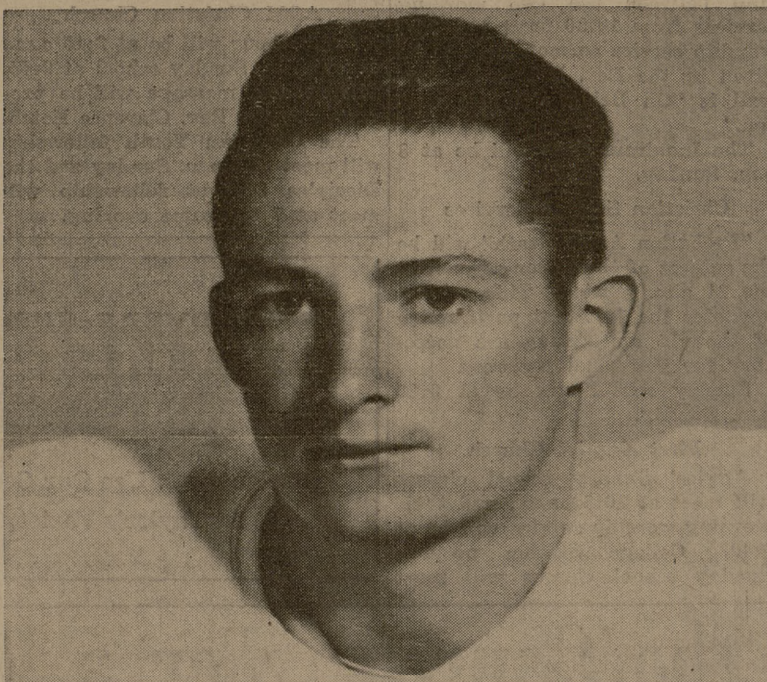
Five other seniors, halfback Charlie Hall, end Paul Kennon, guards Marvin Tate and Sid Theriot and center Richard Vick also will be getting their last crack at the Bears. Since the seniors should be eager for a chance to upend Baylor, Bryant may play them as much as possible Saturday.

Bryant indicated he feels Baylor is the best team A&M has faced this year. He said, "We realize Baylor has hit the stride predicted for them and is now one of the top teams in the country. We're confident our boys will give them their best Saturday afternoon."

Bill Schroeder, starting tackle, received some praise from Bryant. Noting that Schroeder hasn't gotten much publicity this year, Bryant said, "He has played all-out every minute he's been in a game. Bill has been one of our most consistent players."

The Aggies will be in top physical condition, according to Bryant. Quarterback Ronald Robbins returned to practice this week after being out with an injury. Trainer Charles (Smoke) Harper was absent from the practice, however. He was injured Wednesday when a freshman player ran into him during a scrimmage.

Ray Schanen of Milwaukee bowled a 300 game while testing new equipment. It will not receive official recognition.



FULLBACK DON KACHTIK—Kachtik, a senior, plays his last game against Baylor Saturday. He scored three touchdowns in the 1952 game at Waco when he was a sophomore. Kachtik currently is putting up a strong bid for all-conference honors.

SPORTS SHORTS

By JERRY WIZIG
Battalion Sports Editor

At approximately 5 p.m. Saturday two Southwest conference football teams are going to be out of the race for a New Year's Day Cotton bowl berth.

The two conference games of the weekend are Baylor-A&M and Rice-Texas. All four have lost their SWC opener and will be out of contention for the title if they lose Saturday.

This week's picks are:

A&M 20, Baylor 14.
Rice 21, Texas 13.
SMU 27, Kansas 6.
Mississippi 14, Arkansas 10.
TCU 19, Penn State 14.

The Cadets last week caught playing four quarters like they TCU off balance in the fourth quarter with a modified spread and may use it quite a bit Saturday. A&M's biggest problems are stopping Billy Hooper's passing and

Rice Has More Desire

At the start of the season, it was thought the Rice-Texas game would go a long way toward deciding the conference champ. Now it's a game between, at the moment, two also-rans, but a near-capacity crowd is expected at Houston.

The pick is Rice because the Owls have had more desire, and because Dicky Moegle isn't likely to have two bad games in a row. Still, like somebody said, Texas is bound to UPSET somebody this year.

Kansas lost to Oklahoma 65-0 last week, so the Mustangs appear in for a "breather." Duane Nutt threw three touchdown passes against Rice, and if he's on, SMU should win handily.

The Arkansas game counts as a Southeast conference game for Ole Miss, and both the Rebs and Hogs are unbeaten. It should be one of the great games of the day.

Tigers Need Sealy Win To Stay in Title Race

By MAURICE OLIAN
Consolidated Sports Writer

The A&M Consolidated Tigers will be under a double incentive to win tonight when they face the powerful Sealy high school eleven on Tiger Field in a contest starting at 8.

Unbeaten Ag Soccer Team Plays Allen

The freshman-laden Aggie soccer team seeks its third straight victory of the season when it meets Allen Academy today in Bryan.

Game time is 4:45 p.m.

Champion of their league for the last three years, the Cadets now have an overall record of 21 victories, two defeats and a tie. Only two men are gone from last year's team.

"It's the biggest team we've ever had," said Juan Letts, team captain from Lima, Peru, "and with the good freshmen we have we should go a long way."

A&M opened the season with a 3-1 win over University of Houston two weeks ago and blanked Ellington air force base here last Sunday, 5-0.

The Aggies' next home game will be against Bryan air force base Oct. 31 at 2 p.m. on the soccer field west of Law hall.

Besides playing before a large homecoming crowd, the Tigers must win to retain a chance for a share of the district 25-A title.

Consolidated dropped its district opener last week to Katy by a 20-7 margin while Sealy defeated Cypress-Fairbanks 14-6. The Sealy win has most veteran observers in the area pointing at them as the team to beat for the district crown.

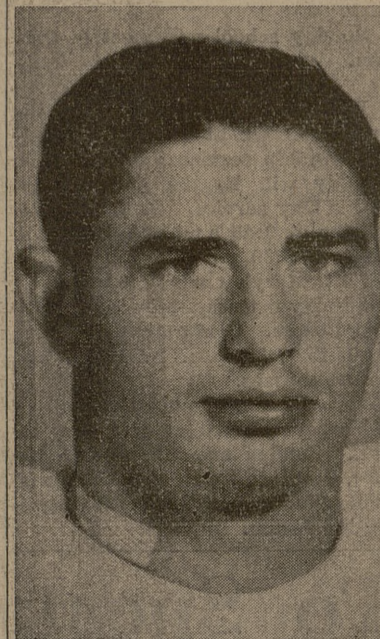
With a season mark of four wins and two losses, Sealy faces the Tigers in the favorite's role by a touchdown margin. The losses came at the hands of class AA teams Columbus and West Columbia, both undefeated until last week.

Tiger statistics show the Bengals trailing their opponents in every department. They have averaged 183 yards rushing and 41 passing per game while their opponents have rolled up an average of 213.3 yards on the ground and 51.8 in the air.

Rival punters have booted the ball for a 33.2 average, compared with the Tiger average of 31.7.

Leading ball carrier for Consolidated is Travis Engelbrecht with 402 yards in 70 carries for a rushing average of 5.7 yards. Tommy Barker has the same average but has carried the ball only 59 times for 338 yards. Bobby Joe Wade is the third ranking carrier with a 5.2 average in 59 carries.

At halftime in tonight's game, Consolidated's sports queen will be named and presented with a football autographed by the Tiger players and yell leaders.



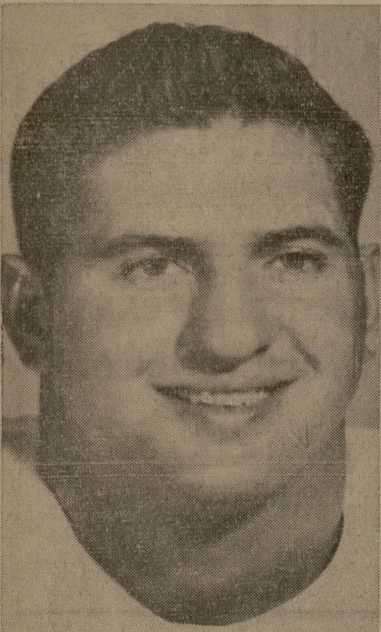
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BILL SCHROEDER—Coach Paul Bryant says Schroeder plays "all-out every minute." The 200 pound starting tackle has been one of the Aggies' most consistent players.

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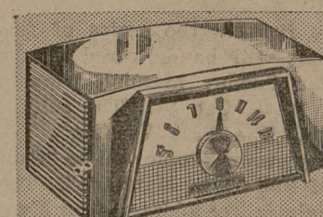
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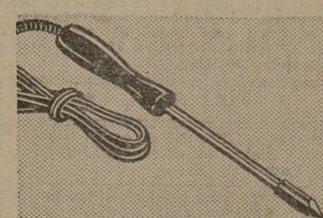
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