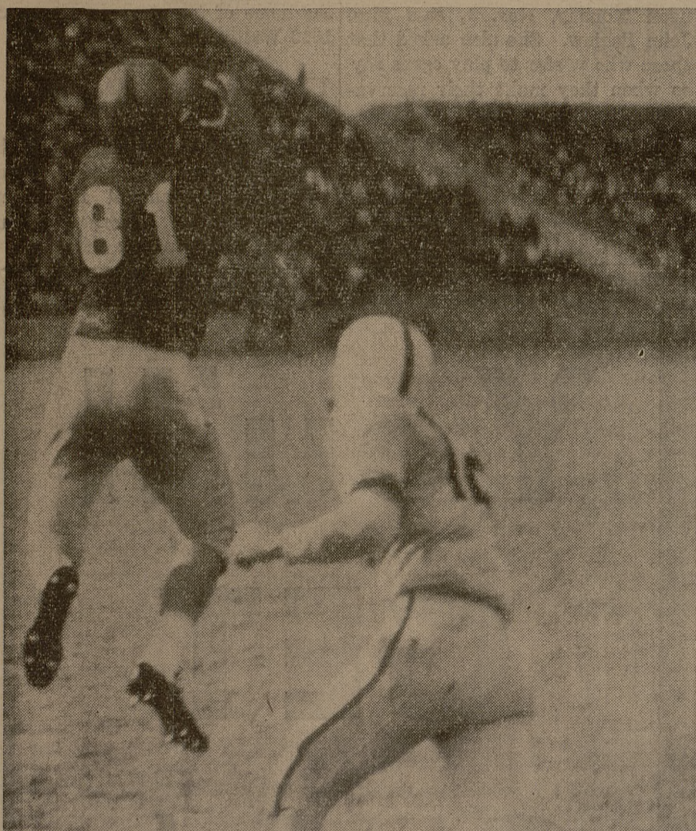


Contact Work Features Ag Drill for Arkansas



FIRST BEAR SCORE—End Charlie Smith goes up in the air to grab quarterback Billy Hooper's seven yard pass in the end zone for Baylor's first touchdown Saturday. This was the first of Hooper's three touchdown aeriels. Quarterback Elwood Kettler (No. 12) charges up too late.

SPORTS SHORTS

By JERRY WIZIG
Battalion Sports Editor

One of the top performers in the contest for all-Southwest conference fullback honors has been going relatively unnoticed this year, largely because he plays on a losing team.

We're speaking of A&M's Don Kachtik, who is just as effective at bulwarking a line on defense as he is at busting it apart on offense.

Understandably, the fact that he plays on a team that has lost five of its six games isn't going to help Kachtik in his bid for all-conference honors.

Then, too, Coach Paul Bryant hasn't gotten overly-enthusiastic in print very often this year about any of his players, and sports writers just naturally are going to watch a guy closer if he gets raves from his coach.

(Bryant has never been known to go overboard publicly about any of his players, figuring they should be able to make all-conference selections without help from coaches or publicity men.)

He Has Four-Yard Average
The quiet, unassuming Kachtik has punched out 214 yards in 53 carries this season, an average of 4 yards per try. Perhaps even more important have been his defensive jobs. Against Baylor, Kachtik missed about a quarter and a half because of a nose injury, but when he came back in, it's doubtful if the Bears noticed anything wrong with him.

Here's something of what Kachtik did:
First quarter — Tackled Del Shofner on the opening kickoff; teamed up with Larry Winkler to down quarterback Billy Hooper on a keeper around A&M's left side;

Kachtik, Shofner Saw Lots of Each Other
Two plays later, Kachtik tore loose for 12 yards to the Bear 24, but the play was nullified by a penalty. After Baylor got the ball again, Kachtik upended Shofner with a vicious head-on tackle on their first play.

(By this time, Kachtik and Shofner probably were becoming well-acquainted.)
After the next play when Shofner again carried, Kachtik had to leave the game, with five minutes left in the first quarter.

So, in 10 minutes of play, Kachtik made or helped to make five tackles, and gained 24 yards on three carries, counting the one that was called back.

Lots of contact work featured A&M's football practice yesterday as the varsity concentrated on defending Arkansas plays from the Razorback singling offense.

Unbeaten and rated fourth in the nation after downing Mississippi, the Razorbacks are at least two touchdown favorites to bowl over the Cadets Saturday night at Kyle field.

The varsity teams alternated between scrimmaging against Razorback plays directed by assistant coach Elmer Smith and running through their own split-T offense.

Smith, who scouted the Arkansas wins over Texas and Ole Miss, said, "Arkansas runs the single wing as effectively as any team I ever saw and has a great defense."

The Razorbacks' play on defense "is the best thing they do," said Smith. "They're very alert and pursue the ball excellently. One mistake and they'll beat you."

Head Coach Paul Bryant called Arkansas a team with good speed, a lot of fight and a great desire to win. Smith agreed that the Razorbacks' will to win has been the biggest factor in their surprising success this season.

Bryant said he still doesn't know if starting fullback Don Kachtik will be able to play Saturday night. "We'll be in our worst physical condition of the season," said Bryant.

Guards Sid Theriot, Marvin Tate and Dennis Goehring and end Jack Pardee also are injured.

Also included in the Aggie practice session was a drill on defending against quick kicks, a weapon Arkansas has used with a lot of success.

First He Caught for Ellis, Now Bennie Snags for Kettler

By RONNIE GREATHOUSE

The favorite target for A&M passers the past two years has been end Bennie Sinclair, and a glance at his record shows why.

The Aggie co-captain leads the Southwest conference in number of passes received and is third in yards gained from his catches. Last year he was honorable mention all-SWC, and if he keeps up his present pace he might better that rating this year.

Although most of Sinclair's catches have been for short yardage, compared with other receivers in the conference, he still has a respectable average of nearly 14 yards per catch. He has gained 181 yards on 13 receptions.

In last week's game with Baylor, he caught more passes and made more yardage than conference pass receiving leader Henry Gremminger of Baylor. Sinclair made 40 yards on five catches, while Gremminger had 37 yards on three catches.

The 21-year-old senior's performance in the TCU game prompted one sportswriter to call him "dependable Bennie Sinclair, who steals passes from defenders like a veteran pickpocket." Sinclair kept A&M's touchdown drives going in that game with three catches that accounted for all but 10 yards of the 77 picked up in the air by the Aggies.

Those who saw the Oklahoma A&M game in Dallas earlier this year remember the jarring tackle Sinclair made on a halfback. He threw his 6 foot-2, 195-pound frame against the player just as he was receiving a punt. Result—a fumble, and an Aggie recovery that led to the Cadets' only touchdown.

He lettered last year with 484 minutes of playing time, more than any player back on this year's squad. Only all-SWC Don Ellis had more playing time. Last season Sinclair grabbed 19 passes for 287 yards and two touchdowns, returned two kick-offs for 28 yards and intercepted one pass. He did not play much in 1952 because of an ankle injury.

Sinclair thinks last year's Baylor game was one of the most exciting games he's played in, even though the Aggies lost 14-13. He had a busy day, pulling down five passes for 93 yards and scoring a touchdown.

His outstanding end play at Mineola high school earned him all-state and all-district honors, and helped his team win the district crown twice.

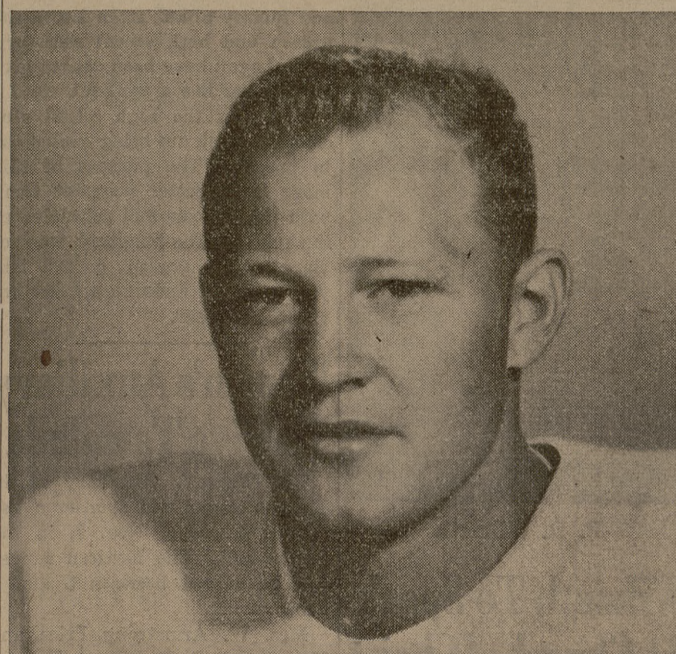
Football is not his only accomplishment at A&M. He is working on petroleum and mechanical engineering degrees and is corps athletic officer.

Unbeaten after meets with TCU and Baylor, the Aggie rifle team begins preparation for its next match, scheduled for Nov. 5 with SMU in Dallas.

The Cadets downed Baylor 1367-1311 last Friday in Waco after defeating the Frogs 1373-1319 here Oct. 16.

Sid Ferrell, L. L. Phillips and Dan Grissom all shot 275 against the Bears. Guy Andrews fired 281 and Phillips had 279 to lead the Aggies against TCU.

Others who fired for the Cadets were C. E. Bombardier and Fred Galley.



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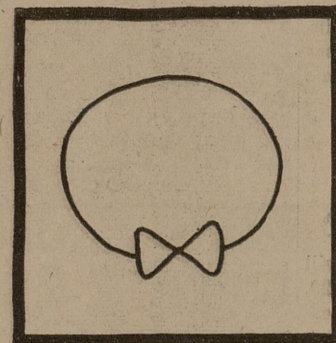
Dick Howard accounted for 16 points yesterday as A Field Artillery romped to a 45-6 victory over A Signal Corps in upperclassmen intramural basketball.

Other results were: B Composite over B Field Artillery, 18-16; A Transportation Corps over A Signal Corps, 34-10; A Athletics over C Field Artillery, 17-9; and Squadron 1 over D Field Artillery, 17-11.

In upperclassmen intramural tennis, A Ordnance won over D Infantry, 3-0; Squadron 12 won over Squadron 21, 2-1; A Infantry won over Squadron 20, 3-0; and Squadron 6 won over A Engineers, 2-1.

Results of freshmen intramural football were: Squadron 20 over A Chemical Corps, 13-7; Squadron 19 over Squadron 3, 12-0; Squadron 2 won over A Composite, 13-0; Squadron 21 over A Infantry, 13-0.

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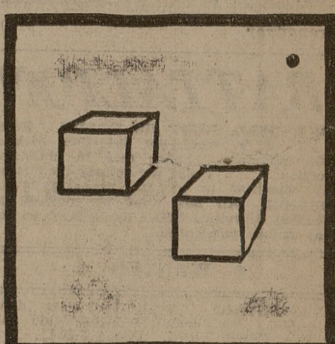
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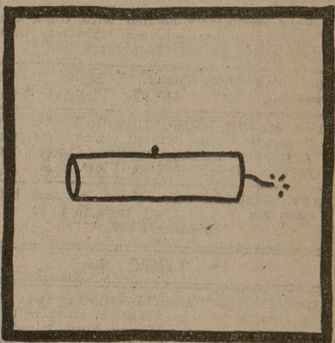
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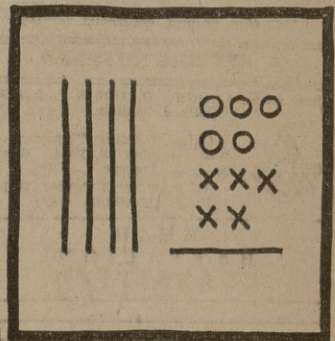
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