

# Aggies Aren't Ready To Quit Yet--Bryant

Take it from Head Coach Paul Bryant—the Aggies aren't ready to call it quits after the 7-14 loss to Arkansas. Asked about the team's mental attitude after the heartbreaker of Saturday night, Bryant said, "It's just a question of whether we want to get ready and try to play a good game against SMU, or throw in the sponge. I don't think our kids are ready to quit yet—I know I'm not."

## SPORTS SHORTS

By JERRY WIZIG  
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Elwood Kettler continued to show last week why he is one of the most prominent candidates for all-conference quarterback selection, even though he didn't have a particularly good night statistic-wise.

Kettler didn't throw a pass all night, but the way the Aggie backs were picking up yardage on the ground, (thanks to a great performance by the line) he didn't need to. The burr-headed senior carried the ball 19 times, more than any other Cadet, and gained 69 yards. (Billy Huddleston got 83 yards in 15 and wasn't stopped for a loss all night, Richard Vick had a net figure of 80 in 16 and lost only a yard.)

### Kettler Leads Again

Still leading the conference in total offense despite the fact he isn't a top-flight passer, Kettler is standing up to the likes of more-publicized Duane In sharp contrast, Kettler has 374 by ground, 282 by air. Nutt, second in total offense, has 557 through the air, Hooper 578.

The guys that can throw that long pass naturally are going to attract more attention. But it seems that a guy like Kettler, who does as good or better a job at ballhandling and play calling as anybody in the SWC, plus being a better runner, should get as much consideration.

Especially when he's been leading in total offense for most of the season now... Hooper has run for 16 yards in seven games, Nutt has picked up 44 yards on the ground in five games.

### Problem At Fort Worth

The boys in the press box at the Baylor-TCU game last Saturday had a problem on their hands when Bear Del Shofner caught a Frog fumble and ran 38 yards for the winning touchdown.

The official statistician couldn't figure out where to put the 38 yards on Baylor's figures. After a conference, it went down as a "no intercepted pass return"—whatever that means...

### O'Neal To Get Lot of Attention

TCU's soph center, Richard O'Neal will be getting a lot of notice after a great freshman year. The 6-7 product of Fort Worth Poly scored 313 points in 12 games, including 37 one night against the Baylor Cubs. Frog coach Buster Brannon is reported counting on O'Neal as his starting center, replacing Hank Ohlen.

Forwards probably will be captain Ray Warren, 6-6, and Charles White or Sonny Lampkin. Five lettermen will battle for the starting guard spots. They are Buddy Brumley, Tommy Hill, Bill Estill, Vergil Baker and J. Bryan Kilpatrick, a 1951 letterman back from the army.

The main problem at Rice is replacing Gene Schwinger and Don Lance. This duo scored 1,030 of the Owls' 1,999 points in 28 games last season. The Owls start out with one of the top pairs of guards in the conference in Monte Robicheaux and Bobby Brashear.

## End to Center to Fullback

# Unheralded Vick Surprise Package

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A lineman's dream of carrying the ball came true for Richard Vick last Saturday against Arkansas, and he showed his appreciation by carrying the ball 16 times for 80 yards.

"It was the biggest thrill of my life," said Vick, "because I've always wanted to play in the backfield. Yes, I was real jerky before the game."

Vick moved off the bench last week and helped A&M's running attack going against an Arkansas team that is rated fourth in the nation. For his performance, he was nominate for the Associated Press' Back of the Week.

Vick was shifted from third string center to fullback a week before the Baylor game, but didn't play against the Bears. Coach Paul Bryant didn't feel he was ready. The move was suggested by assistant coach Willie Zapalac to add depth to the fullback position in case Don Kachtik got hurt.

### 'He'll Play'

"When I suggested the move to Vick, and saw the gleam come into his eyes," said Bryant, "I knew he was all for it. Kachtik is still our regular fullback." Vick? "He will play."

The 21-year-old senior broke up Arkansas' opening touchdown drive by intercepting a pass on the Aggie 15, and from then on he was strictly poison to the Porkers. He did his best running in the fourth quarter, hurling his 6 foot-1, 185-pound frame over Arkansas tacklers for 43 yards on 7 carries.

### Just Another Change

For Vick it was just another in a long line of changes since his football career began at Beaumont high school. He was a quarterback on the Beaumont team his freshman and sophomore years, and was switched to halfback his last two years. On the Aggie Fish team he was moved to defensive end and played that role on the 1952 and 1953 varsity.

In spring training this year Vick was switched to center, where he remained until the past two weeks. He had never played fullback before the Arkansas game.

## MURAL HIGHLIGHTS

Squadron 7 ran over B anti-aircraft artillery, 26-6, in upper-classmen intramural basketball yesterday. In other games, squadron 23 beat squadron 6, 11-10 and Puryear hall beat Mitchell hall, 12-9.

In upperclassmen intramural tennis, A field artillery won over squadron 11, 2-1; B field artillery won over B infantry, 3-0; and A ordnance won over D field artillery, 3-0.

Squadron 7 crushed squadron 16,

32-0, in freshmen intramural football. In other games, squadron 10 beat squadron 1, 19-0; squadron 17 beat squadron 8, 13-6; squadron 11 beat squadron 2, 13-7; and squadron 3 beat squadron 12, 12-8.

In freshmen intramural horse-shoes, B anti-aircraft artillery won over squadron 22, 3-0; D infantry won over squadron 13, 2-0; D field artillery won over A armor, 2-1; A signal corps won over A transportation corps, 2-1; and A infantry won over A quartermaster corps, 3-0.

## Ag Basketball Teams Preparing for Season

A&M's varsity and freshman basketball teams enter their third day of practice today, with the Cadets returning with only two lettermen and the Fish starting work with a 24-man squad.

The freshmen and the varsity will play an intersquad game Nov. 29. The varsity opens its season Dec. 2 with University of Houston in the new 9,000 seat G. Rollie White coliseum. First game on the 12-game Fish schedule is with Arlington here Dec. 8.

John DeWitt, former star on the 1950-52 teams, will assist head coach John Floyd with the varsity and freshmen. DeWitt was recently released from the air force. He was a three-year basketball and baseball letterman here and also lettered in track.

Varsity cocaptains John Fortenberry and Pat McCrory are the only lettermen back from last year's squad. Four junior college

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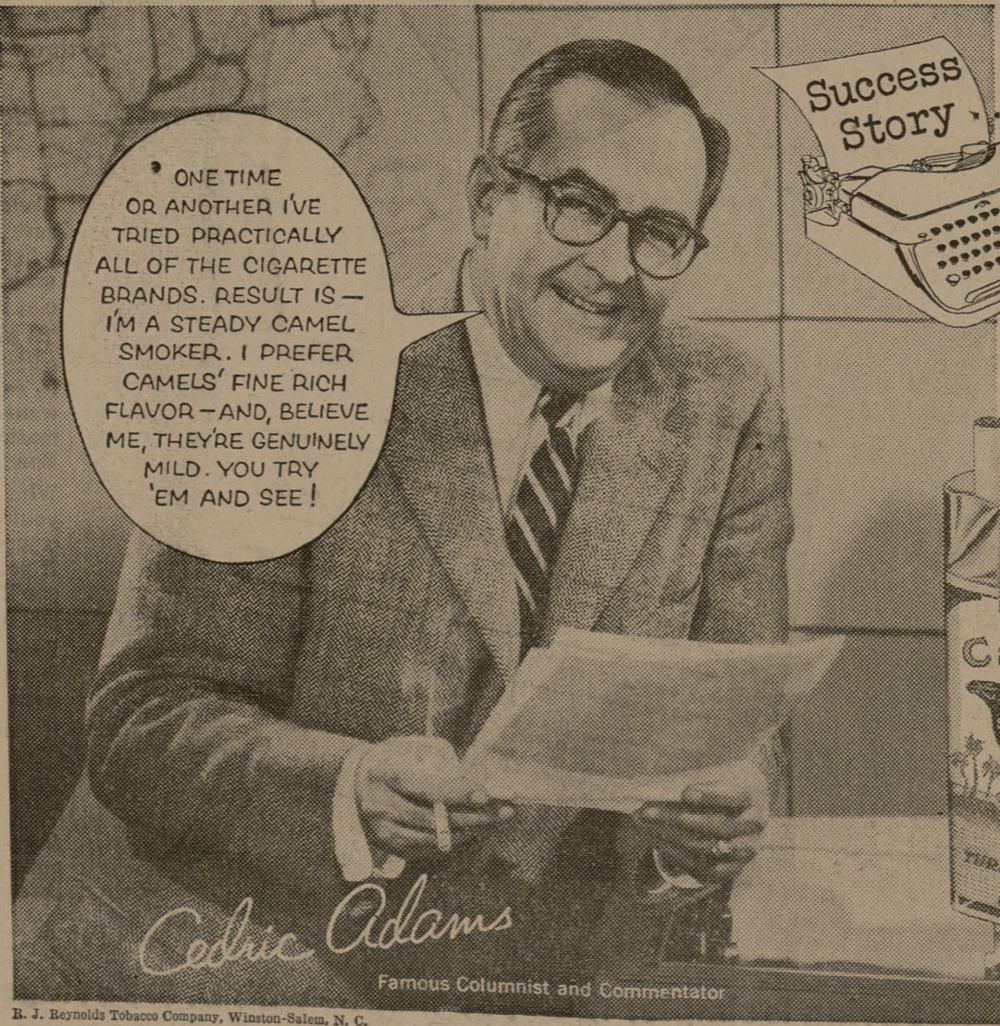


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