

Fish Drill for TU Frosh As Ags Work Light

A&M's Fish footballers today near the end of heavy preparations for the eighth annual Shrine benefit game with the University of Texas Shorthorns here Saturday, while the varsity starts into heavy drills for the Thanksgiving Day game.

Saturday's contest will be the 17th meeting between the two freshman teams. Proceeds will support the Ben Hur Shrine Temple's crippled children's clinic at Austin.

Biggest crowd the game has attracted in the last seven years was 16,000 in Austin in 1949. The Fish won that game 13-0. Texas won the last game at Kyle field, 27-26 in 1952. The Fish won in Austin last year 14-13.

Head Coach Paul Bryant said yesterday, "It ought to be a fine game. We realize they have a lot of fine football players but think ours are as good as any."

Tickets are \$1.50 and can be bought at the athletic ticket office, Canady's pharmacy in Bryan,

Madeley's drug store in College Station and from any member of the Brazos Valley Shriners of Bryan.

Student athletic tickets will be good.

A fleet of buses will carry a large group of Austin shriners and Texas football fans here. Biggest crowd the game has attracted here was 10,000 in 1948.

The Shorthorns hold a 10-6 edge in the all-time series, begun in 1934 and discontinued four years during World War II.

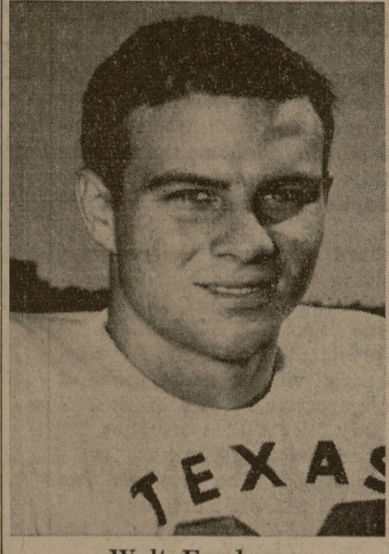
After losing to the Baylor Cubs 19-7 and to Rice's Owlets 27-6, the Shorthorns defeated the SMU Colts 9-6 and TCU's Wogs 25-12.

Walt Fondren, voted the outstanding athlete in Texas by sports writers last winter, is the top "name" player for the Shorthorns. He was an all-state tailback on the Houston Lamar 4-A state champs last year but was switched to quarterback at Texas.

Fondren started slowly this year but scored two touchdowns against the Wogs.

Yesterday the varsity drilled on Kyle field against an orange-jerseyed freshman team wearing numbers of Longhorn starters. The Aggies divided time between offense and defense, then worked on their kicking game. Center Herb Wolf worked out in sweat clothes. He was badly bruised up Saturday.

Assistant Coach Willie Zapalac, who scouted Texas against Baylor and TCU, said the Steers "looked good" in the second half against the Frogs. "Quarterback Charlie Brewer, halfback Billy Quinn and tackle Jim Lansford did an outstanding job for Texas," he said.



Walt Fondren

'Back' Award 'High Honor' Says Eidom

DALLAS, Nov. 16—(AP)—Frank Eidom, Southern Methodist's versatile halfback, called being named back of the week by the Associated Press a "high honor" today but was quick to hand the credit for his great showing against Arkansas to his teammates.

Eidom scored all three touchdowns in a 21-14 victory over the Razorbacks in a big Southwest Conference game.

"The blocking given me was marvelous," he said. "The line with Eric Knebel, Tommy Hairston and Forrest Gregg standing out particularly got me to the linebackers, and Burleigh Arnecke and Tom Gentry were doing the downfield blocking that got me clear there."

He also paid tribute to Duane Nutt and Hal O'Brien for furnishing the deception that was shaking him loose on his runs. "I felt sorry for Hal," Eidom said. "He was faking so well he was taking a terrific beating from the Arkansas boys who thought he had the ball."

Aggie Bowlers Defeat Trinity 7-3

The Aggie bowling team defeated Trinity university of San Antonio 7-3 Saturday at the Memorial Student Center bowling alley.

Tommy Cox bowled a 214, A&M's high single game. John Petry of Trinity had a 232. Frank Vaden, Cox and Ben Blankenship bowled the high series for the Aggies. Vaden had an 893, Cox 876, Blankenship 869.

'He's Got a Lot to Him' Says Bryant

Don Doesn't Have to Dodge, He Bowls Over Tacklers

By RONNIE GREATHOUSE
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Aggie fullback Don Kachtik doesn't try to dodge would-be tacklers, he just runs over 'em.

Kachtik is second only to Elwood Kettler among Aggie ball carriers and ranks 10th in the Southwest conference. He has 331 yards gained in 75 carries for an average of 4.4 yards every time he runs with the ball.

"I think Don is a good player, and certainly he is a fine leader in his own quiet way, and a wonderful boy," said Coach Paul Bryant. "He's certainly contributed a lot to the team in spite of the fact that he's had injuries."

Kachtik reported to fall practice with a virus infection, suffered a broken nose in the Baylor game and injured his elbow against Arkansas. Despite these injuries he has played in every game this year.

Kachtik was injured in the first quarter of the Baylor game, but started the second half. He went out again in the third quarter, and returned again to finish the game.

"He's sure got a lot to him, I'll tell you," said Bryant.

The 21-year-old Kachtik was the leading rusher in last week's game with Rice, with 71 yards in 11 tries. This was more than Rice's vaunted Dicky Moegle, who is first in conference rushing, could get in 12 tries.

In the first nine minutes of the Rice game Kachtik had gained 48 yards in 6 carries, and accounted for two first downs in A&M's drive for its first touchdown. Sixty-nine of his yards came in the first half.

Kachtik's terrific running sometimes dims his fine defensive performance. He gets in on about 65 per cent of A&M's tackles when he is playing, and has been very alert on pass defense. Twice in the Georgia game he stopped Bulldog touchdown drives by intercepting passes. His ability to sense where the plays will go make him a natural for his linebacker role. Kachtik figured in at least 15 tackles in the Rice game.

Rice players were unanimous in naming Kachtik as an outstanding player in last week's game.

"I thought Kachtik was really good," said Moegle, "and believe me tackling him didn't feel any different than tackling Alan Ameche." Ameche is the Wisconsin fullback who is being pushed for all-America honors.

"That Kachtik is great," agreed Jay Riviere, Rice tackle.

Kachtik had 270 minutes of playing time last year, and was fourth in rushing with 231 yards in 64 trips. He only scored one touchdown last season, and that one came in the TCU game in which he was the leading ball carrier. He averaged 9 yards every time he carried the ball that day.

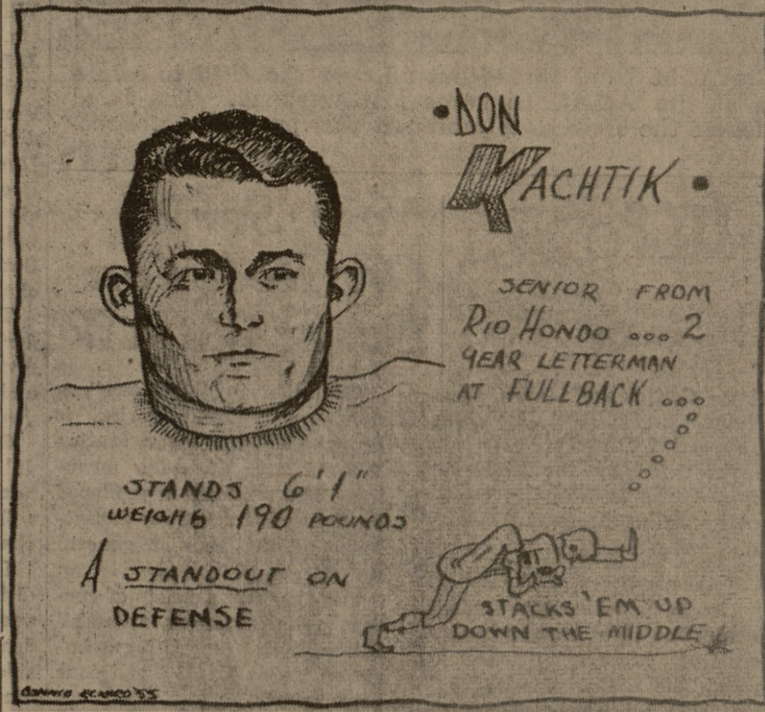
One of Kachtik's best games was played against Baylor in 1952 when he scored three touchdowns. He was only a sophomore then.

Bryant has said Kachtik has been one of the most consistent players on the team.

Six feet, one, and 185 pounds, he is not exceptionally large for a fullback.

A senior from Rio Hondo where he starred in high school athletics, Kachtik played left half for the 1951 freshman team and was the top point maker for the squad. In the 17 times he carried the ball he gained a total of 185 yards to place him second on the team in rushing.

He was also on the freshman track team and specialized in the shot put and discus. Last year he was upperclassmen shotput champ in intramurals.



Fish Statistics

Rushing	No.	Net	Ave.
Crow	37	310	8.4
Hall	22	188	8.5
Dudley	34	136	4.0
Taylor	23	100	4.3
Conrad	21	63	3.0
Wasserman	7	34	4.8
Dendy	7	31	4.4
Gillespie	6	20	3.3
Grant	7	17	2.4
Esquivel	5	15	3.0
Estrada	2	4	2.0
McClelland	1	3	3.0
Ewell	1	3	3.0
Green	2	2	1.0
Fulton	1	-1	-1.0
Patrick	1	-11	-11.0
Wright	30	-13	-0.4
Dropped	7	21	3.0

Passing	A	C	I	Yds.	TD
Wright	18	4	2	81	1
Patrick	1	0	0	32	0
Conrad	2	2	0	29	1
Osborne	1	1	0	7	0
Grant	1	1	0	5	0
Fulton	2	0	0	0	0
Taylor	1	0	0	0	0
Crow	2	0	0	0	0

Receiving	No.	Yds.	TD
Hutchinson	1	32	0
Marks	2	29	1
Meeks	1	27	0
Esquivel	1	25	0
Bright	2	21	0
Maples	2	13	1
Dudley	1	7	0

Team Statistics	Fish	Opp.
First Downs	49	53
Net Yds. Rush.	922	712
Net Yds. Pass.	154	246
Pass. Att.	29	51
Net Offense	9	20
Total Plays	1076	958
Ave. Per Play	243	258
Penalties	27-295	3.7

Interceptions	No.	Yds.
Crow	3	76
Taylor	1	34
Martin	1	28
Trimble	1	17
Gilbert	1	1
Ewell	1	0
Beeson	1	0

Punting	No.	Yds.	Ave.
Dudley	4	171	42.7
Conrad	5	159	31.8
Wright	3	130	43.3
Crow	3	114	38.0
Dudley	3	94	31.3

Punt Returns	No.	Yds.	Ave.
Taylor	1	22	22.0
Dudley	2	34	17.0
Grant	3	16	16.0
Dendy	1	29	6.0

Kickoff Returns	No.	Yds.	Ave.
Dendy	1	34	34.0
Hall	2	64	32.0
Crow	3	63	21.0
Dudley	1	21	10.5
Marks	2	5	5.0
Dropped	2	47	23.5

Scoring	TD	PA-A	Total
Hall	4	0.0	34
Dudley	2	6.9	18
Crow	2	1.1	13
Meeks	1	0.0	6
Marks	1	0.0	6
Maples	1	0.0	6
Conrad	1	0.1	6
Grant	1	0.0	6
Taylor	0	1.2	1

TOTALS	13	8-13	86
Season Record			
Houston Frosh		Fish	Opp.
TCU Wogs		31	6
Baylor Cubs		7	0
Rice Slimes		14	38
		34	21
		86	65

SPORTS SHORTS

By JERRY WIZIG
Battalion Sports Editor

At Kentucky, A&M coach Paul Bryant had Steve Meilinger, a 6 foot 3, 220 pound gent who played end, quarterback and fullback, and did a more than passable job at all of them.

This year he doesn't have anybody like Meilinger, but Bryant still has pulled off what could be termed "Operation Little Switch," in line with getting "all our best folks in the game at the same time."

In the last few games, the Aggies, at various times, have had two quarterbacks and two fullbacks in the game at once. Against Southern Methodist and Rice, Bryant put Ronald Robbins at quarterback in a long-pass situation and moved Elwood Kettler to a halfback, his 1953 position.

Two Fullbacks On One Play

At other times, regular fullback almost every touchdown the hard Don Kachtik, one of the most explosive runners in the Southwest conference, moved to left half, and Richard Vick, Jack Pardee or Bob Easley to fullback. The shifting around has paid off, too, though Bryant would be quick to point out that they haven't won the Cadets any games.

A&M, on paper, leads opponents in almost every department of play. The Aggies have 133 first downs to 113 for opponents, have gained 1,849 yards rushing to 1,792, 496 passing to 480, and have run 559 plays from scrimmage to 514.

Through their nine games, the Aggies have allowed just 84 yards on 49 punt returns, a 2.7 yard average. Rice ran back one for five yards. In 1953, Bryant's Wildcats were ninth in the country on kick-off return defense, giving up an average of 13.6 yards on 35 returns.

Soft-spoken Homer Norton a few minutes before had presented a plaque to John Kimbrough, Aggie all-America fullback in 1939 and '40, and still was visibly moved as he entered the elevator to return to the press box.

Norton, Kimbrough's former coach and most successful coach A&M has ever had, was asked how Kimbrough would have done as a split-T fullback.

He didn't need to think over the answer. Without hesitating a minute Norton said, "I think he'd have been even greater. In the single wing you generally have to run over three or four fellows, but in the T, lots of times there's just one man you have to get by."

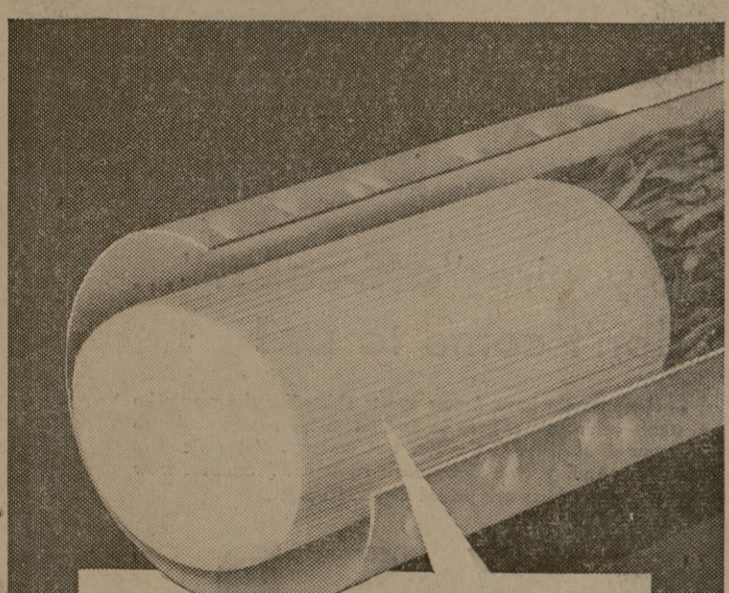
"He was great at anything he ever tried," Norton said. He always did his best and never gave me a bit of trouble."

Switching his conversation to the '54 Aggies, Norton said, "I don't think I've ever seen a football team play harder than the Aggies have this year. They have to get



TWO AGGIE GREATS — "Jarrin' John" Kimbrough, (right) Aggie all-American fullback who looks like he could play again tomorrow, speaks to the crowd at the Rice game Saturday. Homer Norton (left), A&M's most successful grid coach, has just formally inducted him into the National Football Hall of Fame.

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