

Odds Don't Mean a Thing When Aggies Play Longhorns

On paper, the Aggies lead the University of Texas in almost every department of play, the Steers have won three games to A&M's one, but it won't mean a thing when these 61-year-old rivals meet in Austin's Memorial stadium at 2 p.m. Thursday.

The Steers are favored by seven points, but odds and just about everything else go out the window when these two teams take the field on Thanksgiving Day.

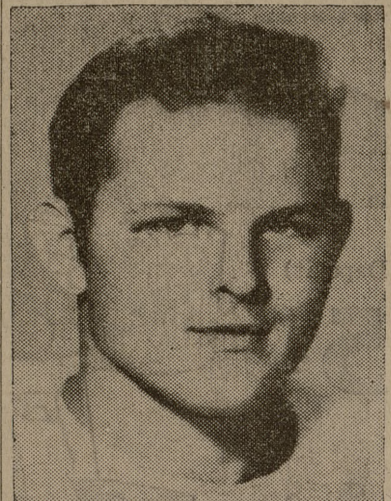
For the 16th time, the Cadets will try to best Texas in Memorial stadium. They haven't succeeded since the field was opened in 1924.

Despite their poor records (3-5-1 for Texas, 1-8-0 for A&M), 55-60,000 are expected for the game. Exes from all parts of the country have made it a habit to always return for the next renewal of the rivalry, one of the oldest in the country. The two state schools started playing in 1894.

The Aggies were due to leave for Austin at 7 p.m. Wednesday

after a 20-minute workout and spend the night at the Commodore Perry hotel. Tuesday they worked out for 35 minutes on Kyle field.

Before the season started, the



Billy Quinn

Longhorns, with 22 lettermen returning from the 1953 SWC champs, were an overwhelming choice to walk away with the conference title.

Returning were fullback Billy Quinn, quarterback Charley Brewer, halfback Delano Womack, tackles Herb Gray, a preseason all-America, Buck Lansford and Langford Sneed, Guard Kirby Miller, center Johnny Tatum, and ends Howard Moon and Menan Schriewer.

Steer supporters looked for outstanding play also from sophomores like guard Ben Woodson and end Morton Moriarty.

Texas lost its two big inter-sectional games to Notre Dame and Oklahoma, then seemed to fold completely in conference play until coach Ed Price dismissed nine players from the athletes dorm for breaking training.

The Longhorns then came back to tie SMU, 13-13, lose a close 13-7 decision to Baylor and beat TCU 35-34.

A&M, with a former halfback playing quarterback, a fullback and a guard alternating at center, another fullback at an end, an end at one tackle, and a tackle at one

guard, absorbed a 41-9 lacing from Texas Tech in the season opener, then wasn't beaten by more than two touchdowns the rest of the year.

The Aggies downed Georgia in their third game of the season for the only victory. Inability to cash in on scoring chances had much to do with their dropping the other seven games, three of the losses being by a total of 11 points.

A&M has given up 199 yards per game on the ground to 214 for the Steers, 53 yards passing to 83 for Texas. Aggie opponents have averaged 252 yards per game rushing and passing. Texas foes have gained 298 yards per game.

Probable starters are:

A&M—Ends, Bennie Sinclair and Gene Stallings; tackles, Larry Winkler and Dee Powell; guards, Ray Barrett and Dennis Goehring; center, Herb Wolf; quarterback, Elwood Kettler; halfbacks, Don Kachtik and Joe Schero; fullback, Jack Pardee.

Texas—Ends, Moon and Schriewer; tackles, Lansford and Bob Flinn; guards, Miller and Gray; center, Tatum; quarterback, Brewer; halfbacks, Chester Simcik and Joe Youngblood; fullback, Quinn.



Buck Lansford

Soccer Team Meets Texas In Austin

The Aggie soccer team will try to keep its unbeaten string going against University of Texas at Austin Thursday.

A&M goes into the contest with the distinction of having never lost a game with the Austin team. The Aggies hold a 4-0 edge over Texas in two years of conference play.

The Cadets have a record of 3 wins, no losses and one tie this year. They opened with a 3-1 win over the University of Houston, and have downed Ellington air force base 5-0 and 4-2. The only blot on their record is a 2-2 tie with Chance Vought aircraft of Dallas.

Jacintho Iacovone, a freshman from Brazil, leads Aggie scorers with three goals. Victor Artecona and Jose Merion each have two goals.

Fish Return to Books; Crow Tops in Rushing

It's back to the books for the Aggie freshmen gridgers who finished the 1954 season against the Texas Shorthorns last Saturday.

The Fish defeated Texas, 20-7, to take the unofficial Southwest conference frosh championship. The win gave them a 4-1 record for the year. Texas finished with a 2-3 mark.

Before the Fish defeated Houston frosh, TCU, and Rice, while losing to Baylor's Cubs, 14-28. The 20-20 tie played last week by Rice and Baylor freshmen gave the Aggies the chance to win the SWC title. They each finished with 3-1-1 records.

John Crow retained his rushing leadership on the Fish with 344 yards in 41 carries for an 8.3 average. Kenneth Hall is second with 206 yards and an 8-yard average. Ed Dudley is third with 164 yards, while Lloyd Taylor finished in

fourth place with 147 yards.

Jim Wright, was tops in passing with eight completions of 24 attempts and 171 yards. Donnie Grant, who played well against Texas, had a 4-4 passing record for 69 yards. Bobby Joe Conrad who has alternated at quarterback this season with Wright, missed the final game due to an injury, as did end Fred Maples.

Fencers To Go To Houston Meet

The Aggie fencing team will compete in an American Fencing League of America meet in Houston Dec. 4.

Two Cadets, Bill Swann and Don Burton, went to the finals of epee and saber, respectively, in the Dallas invitational meet last weekend. Swann finished sixth and Burton fourth.

Swann also went to the semi-finals in foil.

SPORTS SHORTS

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Battalion Sports Editor

This will be the last weekend of a frustrating (for grid "experts") Southwest conference football season, but two of the teams still have a lot to play for, even though the SWC representative in the Cotton Bowl New Year's day was decided last week.

The Baylor-Rice game at Waco should produce one of the best contests in the nation, since the winner appears in line for a Sugar Bowl bid (especially the Bears, if they win).

This week's picks (Tuesday, A&M was picked to down Texas 20-17):

Baylor 28, Rice 20.
TCU 20, SMU 19.
Arkansas 21, Houston 7.

Soph halfback Delbert Shofner must have looked like the best thing since sliced bread to Baylor partisans against SMU. His 87 yard run with an intercepted pass turned the tide for the Bears and started visions of sugar plums dancing in the heads of Baylorites.

Baylor's leading runner with 454 yards, Shofner has made the Green and Gold forget L. G. Dupre and Allen Jones. With Billy Hooper, now the conference total offense leader, throwing and directing George Sauer's offense, the Bears appear a solid choice over the Owls.

Rice wasn't a bit impressive last week, but this may have been due to the fact that two players were disciplined by Jess Neely for breaking training rules.

Dicky Moegle ends his college career Saturday and already has made four all-America teams. He leads the conference in rushing with 779 yards and is fifth in total offense, although he hasn't gained a yard through the air.

TCU has won four, lost five, yet the Frogs have the third best offense in the conference and lead their opponents in both rushing and passing yardage.

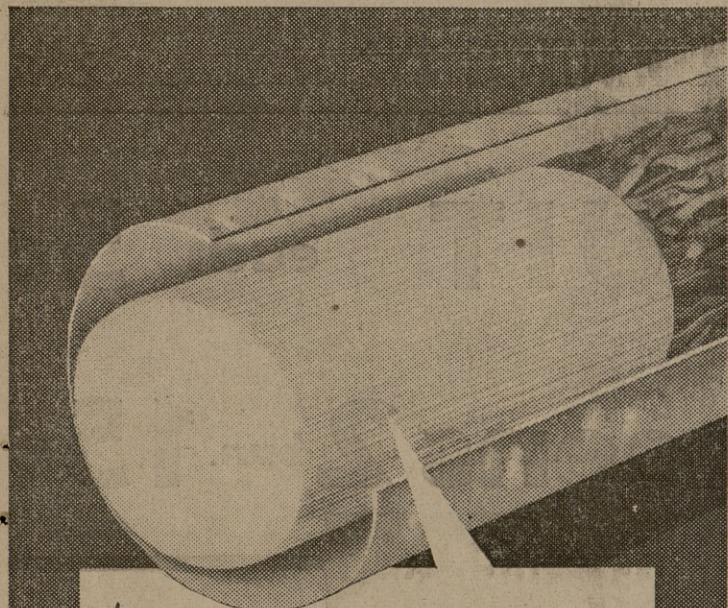
Coach Abe Martin, shut out last week for just the second time in 11 years as a head coach, has only six graduating seniors on his squad. You can look for the Frogs to be a real contender next season.

SMU has been one of those good-then-not-so-good teams that gives supporters fits. The Ponies have the best offense in the conference, but also the worst pass defense. TCU, however, is mainly a running team, having thrown only 111 passes in nine games.

The Frogs are our choice because their sophomores (Swink, Crowsey, Cooper, Curtis, etc.) figure to have more desire than SMU's seniors, who likely will be looking forward to the Notre Dame game Dec. 4.

Everything seemed to go wrong last week for Arkansas, possibly because they had one ear perked for the result of the Baylor-SMU game. The Hogs stand to lose a lot more national prestige if they drop this one to Houston. The Cougars, badly crippled by sickness in the Texas Tech slaughter, will try to make up for it before a homecoming crowd.

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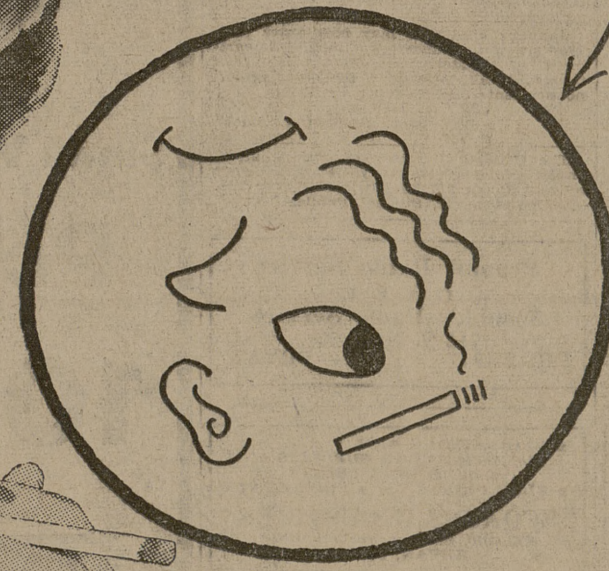


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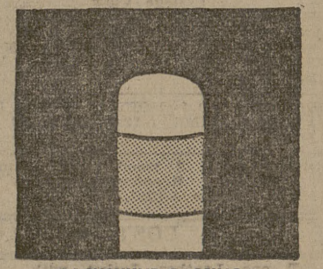


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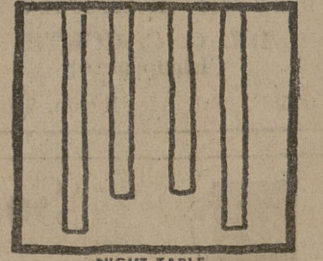
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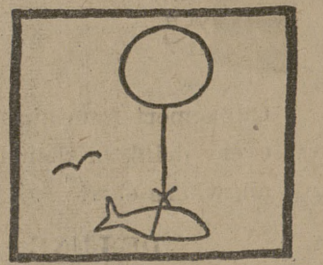
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