

Eager Aggies Jumped to 12th In Nation By Associated Press Poll This Week

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After electrifying the experts with its brazen display of power against top-seated TCU, A&M was shoved up to 12th place in the nation by the Associated Press writers this week just behind Notre Dame.

The Aggies' conspicuous climb from the 19th spot puts them in the enviable, but historically unstable, perch at the top of the Southwest Conference football heap. TCU dropped from its seventh place ranking of last week to 18th in this week's poll. Baylor is the only other SWC team to enter the top 20, squeezing in just ahead of the Froggies with a ranking of 16th.

"Only way I'm interested in rank now is how we're gonna finish Saturday—ahead or behind Baylor," commented Coach Paul Bryant yesterday, when asked what he thought about the Aggies' national standing.

Along with the news of A&M's rise to the nation's limelight, comes a gloomy note. John Crow, the Cadet's leading ground gainer, will probably miss the Baylor game because of a bruised knee he received in the early minutes of the Texas Christian game.

Charles "Smokey" Harper, A&M's trainer, says the 195-pound line crumbler has about a 50-50 chance of playing Saturday.

"You can't tell about these kind of injuries," Harper said, "Sometimes they heal pretty fast, then again, sometimes they take a long time. He wants to play though, awfully bad, and that has a lot to do with it."

Although Crow didn't carry the ball a single time last Saturday he still holds down the fifth position among SWC ball carriers this week with 217 yards gained, and a 6.2 average per try.

A&M is second in the conference now in both team offense and defense. The Cadets boast an average of 311.8 yards per game on the attack, and a still improving defense of 209 yards given up to opponents.

The Aggies have not been at full

strength for any game this year, and besides Crow, three others are nursing injuries this week. Roger Hobson and Dean Meeks, both ends, have been out since the start of the season. Big Bob Clendennen, stalwart 225-pound tackle from Waco, has been hampered with a leg injury and may see only limited service against the Bears.

A&M hasn't beaten Baylor in eight long years, and Saturday the Cadets won't find this Golden Bear team any easier than its predecessors.

Currently locked in a three-way tie with SMU, the Aggies and Bears will be fighting for the first real lead in the young Southwest Conference title chase. Both teams have identical 4-1 season records, and 1-0 won-lost marks in conference action.

Both teams have run into double-

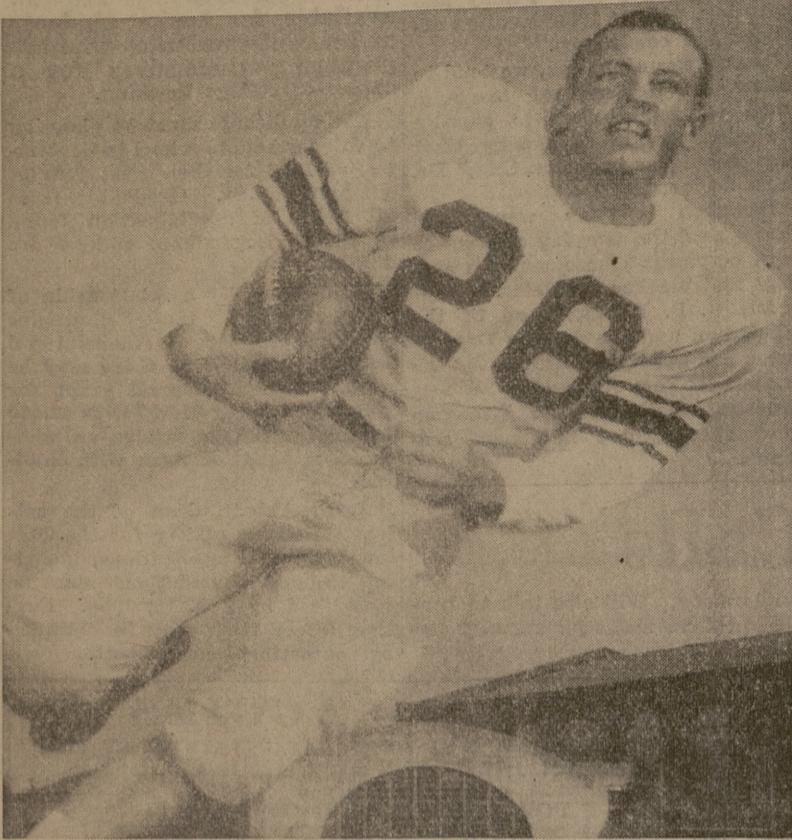
tough opponents this season, with Baylor tackling mighty Maryland, Arkansas and Washington, and the Ags fighting off UCLA, LSU and TCU.

"Had it not been for some costly fumbles, and a blocked punt, the Maryland game could have been easily won by the Bears," said Assistant Coach Pat James, who has scouted Baylor this season.

"They're a better balanced ball club than TCU, and for that reason they're going to be a lot tougher than the Frogs," James continued.

Baylor will possibly use Doyle Traylor, the much publicized passing quarterback, in the game. Traylor missed the first part of the season because of a broken leg, and was forced to sit out last year's schedule with a shoulder injury.

Even if the Bears don't use Traylor (See FOOTBALL, Page 4)



BANTAM BILL DENDY was a standout in the TCU game, scoring a touchdown, and picking up 74 yards in eight carries for a 9.2 average. He's a 5-8 sophomore from Breckenridge, weighing 160 pounds.

Lovelace Stars

B Armor Downs A-AAA In 'Murals

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Intramural Sports Writer

A 60-yard punt return by Dale Lovelace gave A-AAA's freshmen a 6-0 edge over B Armor in yesterday's intramural highlight.

The long run came unexpectedly deep in the second half of a game played chiefly in the air. Lovelace took John Gist's fourth down kick and ran over the goal untouched behind the sharp blocking of Gary Hipps and Grady Barr.

Superb defensive play by both teams lent color to a scoreless first half which ended with B Armor hovering over A-AAA's one-yard line. The effectiveness of John Lyons' passing attack waned as they neared the goal and the Artillerymen refused to allow a score by the ground route.

B-Armor confused and harassed their opponents with a spread formation which set up most of their scoring threats early in the game. Leland Lantz was the choice target for Lyons' passing strategy as the Cavalry fought to even the score in the game's final moments. The aerial route failing, halfback Allan Smith proved B-Armor's most potent threat with a series of end runs.

Final score was 6-0, as Gaymon Thompson's attempt to run the extra point failed.

Other football scores showed D-Infantry over C-FA 6-0; B-AAA beat C-Armor 14-7; A-Armour over D-FA; and A-Engineers edged C-AAA 8-6.

In upperclassmen tennis A-Ordinance displayed more of the force which carried it to the runner-up position in last year's competition by downing A-Infantry 2-1. It was the booming service of S. H. Brand that spelled the difference, with fine play from all three doubles teams.

Victories were also scored by Sq. 4 over Sq. 15; B-Armor over Sq. 21; Sq. 16 over B-Infantry and A-Quartermaster took one from Sq. 17.

Don Mayo and Allen Offield were leading scorers as B-AAA trounced C-Armor 28-17 in upperclassmen basketball.

Other basketball results are A-AAA 22, B-Armor 13; D-Infantry over B-FA 20-7; C-FA past E-Infantry 29-13; and D-FA beat A-Armor 27-13.

Patients To See A&M Play Baylor

Thirty-five world war patients at the Veterans Administration Center in Temple will be guests of A&M and the Athletic Department, at the football game at College Station Saturday between the Baylor Bears and the Aggies. The group will have special seats on the cinder path on the 50-yard line.

They will be met by P. L. Downs Jr., official greeter for the college and will have lunch and an evening meal at the Duncan dining hall. Soft drinks will be served to the heroes during the game. This will mark the tenth annual game that veterans will have attended at A&M.

"This is one way we have of paying tribute to those men who have given so much that we may continue to enjoy the blessings of a free nation," "Pinky" said. There are 1,200 patients at the Center.

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