

# Aggies Not Supermen 'Just Boys' Says Bryant

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Coach Paul (Bear) Bryant may have settled the argument among veteran sports writers as to whether the Aggies are "Cinderellas" or just plain "supermen."

"Neither, they're just a little bunch of ragged-rump boys," said Bryant yesterday, his drawl somewhat hidden under a slight case of the flu.

In the 15 years since Coach Jess Neely appeared on the Southwest Conference scene, the Rice Owls haven't gone through a season without winning at least one conference game. With the return of five injured stars to the starting line-up, the Owls appear in their best shape of the year, and this could be the turning point of a dismal season for the Houston school.

"They should beat somebody," Bryant said, "and I'm just afraid it's going to be us. I'll tell you, they've had more tough luck from injuries than any team I've ever seen, but they tell me those boys will be ready to go Saturday."

The always-tough Owls were picked by many as the conference champions, and surely no lower than second. Several forecasters placed Rice in the nation's top ten before the season started and the Owls began to be plagued with injuries.

"They've got the personnel," says Assistant Coach Jim Owens, "there's little doubt about that. But no one man has started every ball game, and that's what has been hurting them."

Coach Bryant announced the principle order of business this week to consist of "learning what we've supposed to be doing all

year," faster starts in the line and backfield, and improving defensive play in the secondary.

"With this barnyard offense of ours I just don't know why we can't get those signals right—but we haven't. We've just got to get more explosive speed. We won't be able to move the ball Saturday if we don't."

The Owls have two all-American candidates to tackle Eddie Rayburn and end Marshall Crawford, and an all-conference nominee in guard Jay Riviere. Crawford and Riviere sat out three games entirely, while Rayburn has only been able to move at half-speed. All three are expected to be in top condition for Saturday's contest.

"They have the two finest sophomore quarterbacks in the conference in Frank Ryan and King Hill," Coach Owens said, "Rice coaches have admitted that several times."

Rice owns the longest winning streak over an opposing team in conference history, having dumped the Aggies for the past 10 straight years.

## C-AAA Blanks Sqd. 24, 6-0

A goal line jinx hampered C-AAA as Squadron 24 cashed in on a 45 yard pass to dump the artillerymen 6-0 and remained undefeated in freshman football intramurals.

Dick Thomas hurled the long aerial to end Cliff Tuttle, who drove over for the winning tally. The conversion try was no good.

Thomas' first half scoring heave was the last serious threat made by unbeaten Sqd. 24 as C-AAA dominated the second half of play, and twice drove almost to paydirt only to be thwarted by heads-up defensive play headed by Don Dittman and Jerry Wilson.

W. A. Hunter quarterbacked the AAA team, relying on halfbacks Jack Allen and Donald Griffin for co-ordinated teamwork.

Allen also led the C-AAA defense as center Billy Eason and guard Mickey McCoy refused to allow another Sqd. 24 threat.

B-AAA's 13-0 half-time lead over Sqd. 23 grew to a final 20-0 drubbing, as Jack Smith led his team through a successful ground game.

Marvin Blundell and Max Newman led offensive play as unbeaten Sqd. 20 handed C-FA their third straight loss 7-6. Sqd. 17 walloped A-Ordinance 20-11 in the day's only Class A basketball game.

## Aggie Fish Grapple Owlets For Freshman Title Friday

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A&M's undefeated Fish and Rice's undefeated, but once-tied, Slimes tangle in what may be the battle for the first-year Southwest Conference championship Friday night in Houston.

THIS ONE has all the qualifications of a terrific show, and a lot of folks figure to watch it. All proceeds from the game go to a fund supporting the Holly Hall Home for the Aged in Houston, and a hard-working crew of church women have pushed an advance sale that indicates a crowd of at least 15,000 will be on hand. With an expected good gate sale and favorable weather, as many as 25,000 grid fans could be present.

The Aggies have wins over TCU, Baylor and Houston, while Rice beat Texas and Wharton Junior College and played SMU to a 13-13 tie.

Coach Charlie Moore's Slimes had a four-game winning streak against the Fish broken in 1954 as the first-year Aggies ran through Rice for a 34-21 victory.

FRIDAY NIGHT'S game shapes up as Slime speed against Fish power, with Rice probably rating an edge since it appears they will

have a little more speed than A&M has power.

Joe Pascuzzi, A&M's terrific all-the-way threat at right halfback, leads the Fish in rushing, pass receiving, scoring and punting and is second in punt returns. Pascuzzi has gained 176 yards on 28 carries for a 6.3 yard average and has taken two passes for 26 yards. Two touchdowns and five out of six extra points gives him 17 points, and

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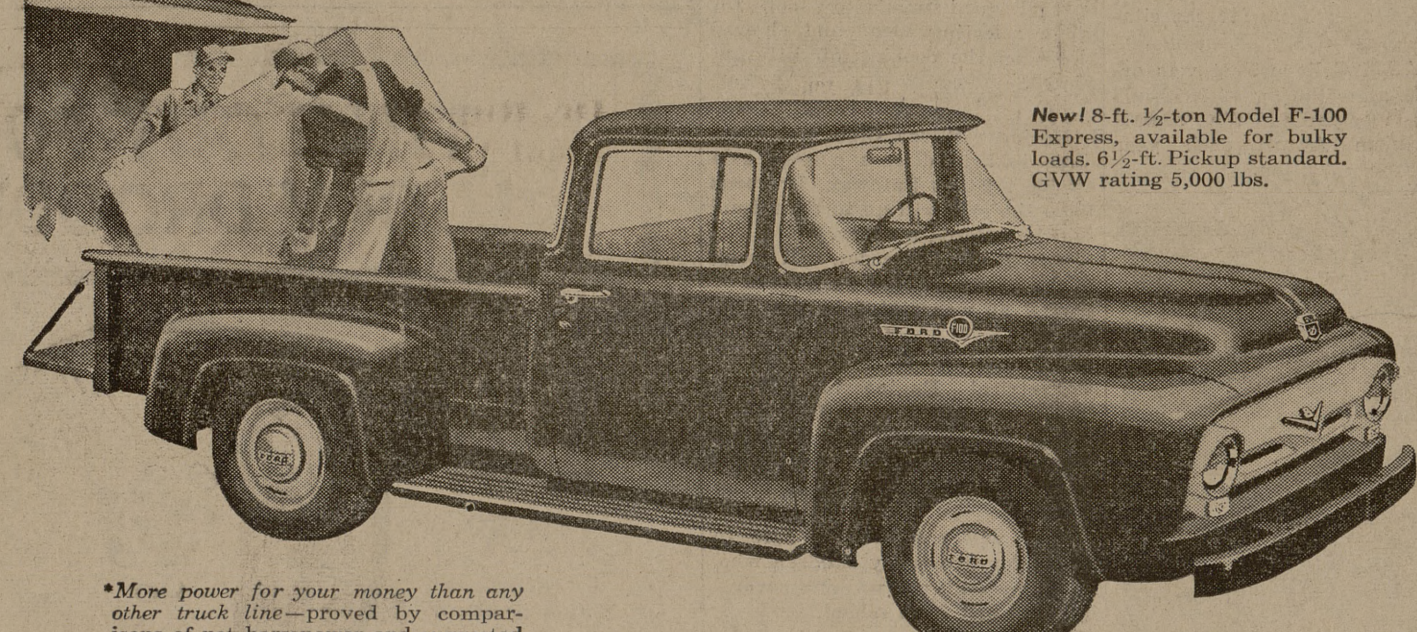
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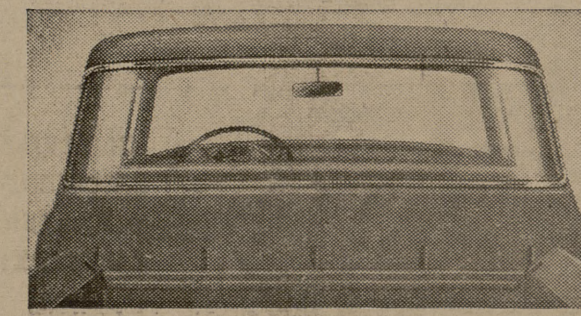
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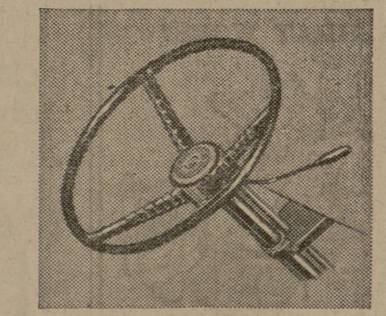
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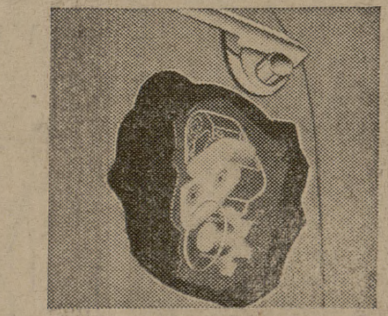
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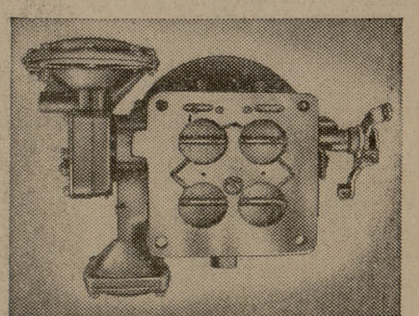


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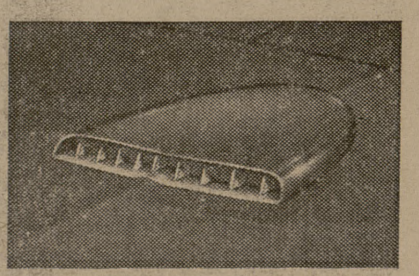


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