

Tigers, Mustangs Clash Tomorrow Night at 8

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After dropping their opener to Cleveland 33-13, the A&M Consolidated Tigers attempt to even their record tomorrow night when the Madisonville Mustangs invade Tiger Field for an 8 p.m. clash.

Coaches Horace Schaffer and Ed (Pee-Wee) Logan have been stressing defense work for their crew this week. The CHS defense looked bad in the Cleveland defeat, relinquishing 359 yards and 21 first downs (including 243 yards in the first half, when the winners held a 26-6 lead).

Tiger backs have also been getting their share of work this week after losing the pigskin nine times due to fumbles in the season opener.

Head skipper Schaffer plans to start the following group tomorrow: LE—Dan Davis, 145, Sr.; LT—James Couch, 146, Sr.; LG—Garland Andrews, 160, Sr.; C—David McNeely, 154, Jr.; RG—Mike Walton, 192, Jr. or Brenner Sayers, 125, Fr.; RT—Pete Rodriguez, 152, *soph.; RE—Jim Wright, 152, Fr.; QB—Alton Arnold, 142, *soph.; LHB—Bill Hall, 146, Sr.; RHB—John Martinez, 118, Fr. and FB—Bill Kavanaugh, 160, Jr.

Following last week's action, in which all of the District 23-AA teams opened the grid season, with the exception of the potent Navasota Rattlers, Kavanaugh leads the loop in rushing with a net gain of 107 yards. Bill Hall's 61 yards places him fourth in the conference behind a pair of Bellville backs, who have 78 and 74 yards respectively.

Kavanaugh is also tops in average yards gained per carry with his flashy 9.73, which is trailed by the 8.67 of Caldwell's Joe Tadaro.

Results of the games played by other District 23-AA teams last week were as follows: BELLEVILLE gave up only four first downs in blanking Wharton 13-0; CALDWELL allowed a similar number of downs as they bounced Hearne 19-7; CYPRESS-FAIRBANKS bowed to Humble 13-0 and had a net gain of only 55 yards when the game was called early in the third quarter due to light failure.

Basilio Beats Champ Saxton

SYRACUSE, N. Y., (AP)—Carmen Basilio split Johnny Saxton's lip and raked his body and head with wicked punches last night to recapture the world welter-weight title tonight on a technical knockout in 1:31 of the ninth round of a bloody rout at War Memorial Auditorium.

The craggy-faced, ex-Marine from nearby Canastota knelt and blessed himself in mid-ring after Referee Al Berl stopped the uneven struggle with Saxton careening along the ropes near a neutral corner. Tears flowed from Carman's eyes as he tasted ample revenge for the loss of his title at Chicago last March 14 when he claimed he was "robbed".

Buffs Win, Cats Clubbed

Dallas smashed Fort Worth 10-0 to take a 2-up lead in their Texas League playoff last night.

At the same time Houston was squaring the series with Tulsa at one victory apiece. The Buffs beat the Oilers 7-1 behind the 6-hit pitching of Bob Mabe.

Frogs, Ags, Bears Look Good in SWC

By HAROLD V. RATLIFF

DALLAS, (AP)—Champions seldom repeat and the favorite almost never comes through in the Southwest Conference but that fact didn't keep the football critics from picking Texas Christian. The writers figured they couldn't go on forever being wrong and besides TCU has what it takes to upset tradition.

Even Coach Abe Martin admits that his Horned Frogs should be top-rated, although he pointed out that the team picked last year. Rice wound up last with the team that was supposed to fight it out with Rice for the title-Southern

Methodist-finishing only a notch higher. Texas Christian, relegated to fifth, romped in with the crown.

TCU's Finest

But Texas Christian has the most experienced squad since 1932 when the Frogs were undefeated and it could be the finest team in TCU history.

Eleven seniors will start the games and there are plenty of veterans backing them up. All-America Jim Swink looks as good as ever. Chuck Curtis is considered the best quarterback in the league and the line is big, tough and deep.

General opinion is that if Texas Christian doesn't win it, either Texas A&M or Baylor will.

Aggies Strong

Coach Paul Bryant has 20 lettermen back from last season's second-place Aggies and the team is equipped with strong running, adept passing and plenty of reserve strength. The element of surprise will be gone, however. The Aggies weren't expected to do much last season and the race was almost over before anybody realized they were doing it.

Baylor comes up with something it hasn't had in the past five years—ample reserve strength. It also has three fine quarterbacks. The squad seeps with experience and power and this time the Golden Bears can start the season with the fellow they depended upon for two years, only to have to play halfway through without him—Doyle Traylor.

Traylor, who missed a lot of time because of broken bones, is sound and rugged. And Del Shofner, who was the conference sensation as a sophomore but did little last season because of a lame ankle, is back in top shape after a season of sprinting in track.

Passing Talent

Texas will have the two most talented passers in the league in Joe Clements and sophomore Vince Matthews, and it still has Walt Fondren, one of the most versatile backs in the country. The Longhorns should boast a high-scoring attack but it's keeping the other team from following suit that's giving the coaches most concern.

Arkansas has 20 lettermen, 13 of them linemen. It figures to have more finesse, thus be stronger offensively, and the defense looks good. Coach Jack Mitchell thinks he has about the two best quarterbacks around in George Walker and Don Christian.

Southern Methodist and Rice are locked in a tight fight to see which is picked for the cellar. SMU had a lot of big fellows last season but they didn't move very well. Few of them are back and while the team will have more speed and agility it is one of the least experienced in SMU history.

Rice couldn't go anywhere but up since the Owls were a flat, victory-less last in 1955. There are only 16 lettermen and they don't have enough experience to be rated as veterans. The team will be young and green but it'll have speed.



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