

Fish Face Wogs on TV In Fort Worth Tonight

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Boasting a diminutive "Four Horsemen"-type backfield, TCU's talented Wogs blast into gridiron activity at 7:30 tonight in Ft. Worth, hosting the once-beaten Aggie Fish before an expected 20,000.

Reputed to contain the "finest quartet of backs in TCU history," the Wog's split-T will feature Quarterback Jacky Sledge of New London. Sledge was most valuable player in the high school all-state game and crafty field general of the state 2-A semi-finalists last year.

Statistics promise a great exhibition of ball-handling by Sledge and A&M's fabulous Charles Milstead, Texas outstanding schoolboy gridman in 1955. Both quarterbacks are deadly passers and hard-running ball-handlers.

A&M's bruising left halfback, Gordon LeBoeuf who averaged 5.8 yards per try against Houston's Kittens will be challenged at that position by Wog Left Half Marvin Lasater. Lasater is a smooth-running San Angelo back tagged as the best all-round player to come out of West Texas high schools in ten years.

Ponderous two-hundred pound Jack Spikes from Snyder will start in right halfback position for TCU and Hillsboro's all-state Merlin Priddy is first-call fullback.

Branding Spikes and Lasater his two "prize" catches, Coach Fred Taylor believes the 1956 Wog group is the finest first-year eleven since the Jim Swink, Chuck Curtis, 1953 team. Ten of the eleven starters on this fall's varsity eleven were members of the '53 lineup.

In the Frog line, Taylor plans to go with Jimmy Gilmore, LE; Donald Floyd, LT; Sherrill Headrick, LG; Joe Moffett, C; Ramon Armstrong, RG; William Roach, RT; and Paul Peebles, RE.

Peebles, a 6-2, 195-pound all-state end, has looked great in early drills while the two tackles, 220-

Also, for the first time in history, the Wog-Fish tilt will be carried on television. KFJZ-TV of Ft. Worth will handle the game.



OUTSTANDING PLAYER IN TEXAS TECH GAME — halfback-quarterback Don Watson is one of the Southwest Conference's finest defensive backs and a threat to break any game wide open at any time.

Cadet Cross Country Team In Houston Meet Saturday

Inexperience and ineligibility has cramped the style of A&M's once-great track camp as they prepare for a long distance meet in Houston Saturday.

"The damage shows up most in cross-country right now," said Coach Ray Putnam.

"We have what is probably our weakest cross-country team in 15 years," Putnam added, "And the only reason we're competing in the Houston meet with Texas University and the Cougars is to give them someone to beat."

Ed Blake was cited as the Aggie's best hope in Saturday's event at Houston with Jack Heald receiving second-place praise. Other members of the thinly-cald team are Ronald Kirkpatrick, Charles Flanagan, Bass Redd, Edward Weeren, and Robert McKnight.

Coach Putnam indicated quite a bit of individual effort within the ranks of cross-country hopefuls, but a lack of enough stamina and drive needed for such a tough slate of Conference contestants as the 1956 crop.

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Aggies Battle Cougars Best Before 60,000 in Houston

By BARRY MART
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A&M faces its toughest pre-Southwest Conference test Saturday night as they move against the University of Houston Cougars before an expected Homecoming crowd of 60,000 in Rice Stadium.

"We think Houston will be our crucial game and it will take a good team to beat them," observed Coach Paul (Bear) Bryant. "This will be a good measuring stick as far as we are concerned. It will help decide how we stand in the conference later on."

The Cougars boost their greatest contingent in the 10-year gridiron history of the school. Houston is 1-1 on the season, beating Mississippi State, 18-7, in their opener and losing to seventh-ranked Mississippi, 14-0, last week. Ole Miss scored twice in the first 10 minutes, but the Cougars played them on an even keel for the remainder of the game.

Bryant compares UH to LSU, whom the Aggies barely beat, 9-6, two weeks ago.

"Houston has more speed, more offense and more finesse than LSU," said the head man, "And there is little difference in their first two teams."

Assistant Coach Jerry Claiborne, who scouted Houston against Mississippi, says the Cougar line has

good explosive power, speed and pursuit and are big and strong.

"The cougar halfbacks have blinding speed and two of their good fullbacks—Mulholland and Johnson—are fast, too," added Claiborne. "Their other fullback, Caraway, is as good a linebacker as there is in college football and he has tremendous power. Don Flynn and Sammy Blount run and throw real well from the quarterback position."

A&M owns a one-game edge in the short four-year history of the series. The Aggies took the 1952 game, 21-13, and the teams tied 14-14 in '53. Houston won their only contest in the finish-disputed '54 game, 10-1, and A&M went back on top, 21-3, a year ago. The Cadets were on the UH one with less than 10 seconds to play in 1954, but the clock ran out while some extra-curricular activity took place be-

tween the two forward walls and an excited warrior flipped the ball into the air.

Bryant put his Maroon gridders through an extensive offense, defense and kicking drill Wednesday, and scrimmaged the blue team against freshmen with Bobby Conrad at quarterback.

"Our blue team did pretty well against that weak defense," said Bryant, but he was far from pleased.

Loyd Taylor, who saw action in the Tech game in only a kicker's role, will be ready by Saturday. He had been sidelined with a injured shoulder.

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