

SPORTS SLANT

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The Southwest Conference is nearing the mid-point and running true to form. The Texas Longhorns, generally picked by the so-called "experts" to finish at least fourth or higher, are wallowing in the cellar with no hope for anything else.

SMU, chosen for the number six position in front of Rice early in September, rides right on the heels of the Aggies and are undefeated in league action, but not for long. The Owl's, almost unanimously conceded into the cellar, are still in the race at this point with a 1-1 record and are definitely a 100 per cent better team than in 1955.

Defending champion TCU owns a 2-1 figure in conference play, and aren't out of it yet and the Baylor Bears, who can't seem to win the "big ones" are right back where they've been for years—in the middle of the pack.

Riding into this week with a 20-9-1 record, I'll try 'em this way:

- A&M 34 — SMU 13
- ARKANSAS 20 — RICE 14
- BAYLOR 27 — TEXAS 13
- TCU 19 — TEXAS TECH 0

A&M gets nearer and nearer their first SWC title since 1941 with every game. The Aggies are definitely head and shoulders above the rest of the conference in speed, aggressiveness, power and determination. SMU holds one-point victories over Rice and Texas, but their leaky defense won't be able to slow the Cadets tremendous ground game, much less stop them. The Ponies have played some tough teams and are capable of scoring against most anybody, but they'll be up against the SWC's (and perhaps the nation's) strongest defense. They'll probably score, but not much.

The Razorbacks didn't show much down here last Saturday night, but they might have been down after their fine game over Mississippi. Arkansas faces the Owl's at home, and everybody has a tough time in the Ozarks. The Hogs will bounce back for this one, although it should be close.

Texas journeys to Waco to battle the disappointed Bears still looking for their initial conference win. The Steers have now lost five straight and what Presley sings "... the future looks bright

ahead" doesn't hold true for the Austin team. Walter Fondren and his pathetic crew have to face the top three—Baylor, TCU and A&M and probably won't come close to winning one. Texas came out of their lethargic state for 30 minutes against the Mustangs last Saturday, scoring 19 points in the last half to almost snatch victory from defeat, but not quite.

TCU's Horred Frogs take on the weak Texas Tech Raiders in their final non-conference game and should win at will.

Aggies Get Nod As AP's Wilks In for Grimsley

By ED WILKS

NEW YORK—(AP)—It now becomes apparent why Will Grimsley is named to Melbourne so early. The round-faced Tennessean wasn't up to picking the Tennessee-Georgia Tech game.

But starting from scratch, with no record to uphold or improve, we go with Tennessee. Say 13-9.

We like the single-wing. What's your excuse?

And having put one foot forward, here's the plunge:

Minnesota 18, Iowa 12: The Gophers seldom see anything but snow on New Year's Day. This time it's different. They'll be in Pasadena and Bobby Cox can show 'em the sights on the coast.

Ohio State 32, Indiana 6: For what it's worth: the Hoosiers are Notre Dame's only victims this season.

Oklahoma 56, Iowa State 0: Eddie Stanky sometimes is called "genial" by close friends.

Michigan State 28, Purdue 7: He's also called other names, too, of course.

Stanford 19, Oregon State 14: Brodie passes for three.

Texas A&M 21, Southern Methodist 6: The Aggies are en route to their first conference crown since 1941.

Navy 13, Duke 7: The Blue Devils should be too pooped after that great try against Georgia Tech.

Maryland 12, Clemson 7: You want an upset? Here 'tis.

Syracuse 24, Holy Cross 6: Not all the Crusaders got back alive.

Colorado 25, Missouri 14: More misery for Missouri and Orange blossoms for the Buffs.

Pitt 26, Notre Dame 18: But those Irish just gotta win again sometime.

Illinois 14, Michigan 14: Strictly Illini sentiment, that's all.

Southern Cal 32, California 12: This one should be Zampeasy.

And a once-over lightly:

East: Army 60, William & Mary 0; Cornell 13, Brown 12; Colgate 21, Bucknell 6; Columbia 28, Dartmouth 24; Penn State 32, Boston U. 12; Princeton 16, Harvard 7; Yale 25, Penn 14;

Midwest: Kansas 13, Nebraska 7; Marquette 21, Kansas State 7; Cincinnati 14, Wichita 0; Northwestern 9, Wisconsin 7; Detroit 12, Drake 7.

South: Auburn 21, Mississippi State 13; Kentucky, 13, Vanderbilt 12; Florida 21, Georgia 0; Louisiana State 15, Oklahoma A&M 13.

Southwest: Arkansas 14, Rice 6; Houston 28, Tulsa 7; Texas Christian 24, Texas Tech 6.

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