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SWC HIGHLIGHTS

By GARY ROLLINS
Battalion Sports Editor

The responsibility of being named the number one team in the nation falls to the team that is able to maintain that top spot.

Just two short weeks ago, Michigan State held the throne—only to be rudely exited at the end of the week by Purdue.

The last team from the Southwest Conference to be placed on the national "hot spot" was the 1950 version of the SMU Mustangs. They had won five games in a row, and in their sixth contest the Texas Longhorns rose to the occasion and slew the Ponies 23-20. In the remaining four games, the Mustangs were hobbled by three more teams and wound up one position above the cellar.

The Texas Aggies are now on the throne—and they "hope and pray" it won't turn into the "hot seat" as they place their undefeated record on the "chopping block" in Fayetteville this Saturday.

The Razorbacks are as strong as some of that "moon-shine" they brew in the Ozarks, and have realized the value of being able to "hit people." Although their "hitting" has been pretty spasmodic this year, they are still envisioning the trip to Dallas next New Years Day, and recognize the Aggies as the first step in that direction.

The Cadets are once again plagued by injuries, as Baylor took its toll before falling victim to the Aggie axe. Five starters are on the injured list, and the chances of them all being able to see action grows slimmer by the hour.

Texas proved that Arkansas could be beaten in the "hills," and trounced the Porkers 17-0. But defeat fell upon the Aggies just two short years ago, when the Farmers took a beating at the hands of Arkansas and escaped with nothing more than an equal share of the score, 7-7.

Ask any member of the team who played in that game, and he'll admit that was another game the Aggies lost that year.

Considering jinxes, desire and the rest of the components that enter into predicting game-winners, I'll have to stick with the Aggies over the Razorbacks. I think that those Cadets want the Cotton Bowl a little more than Arkansas does.

On the other side of the Brazos River is found the University of Texas, which has been called the "surprise team of the conference." The Longhorn, who have been called everything—including the "Teenage terrors," will try to maintain their ranking alongside Bear Bryant's Cadets, but I believe the pace is going to be a little too fast.

Publicity-wise, the Longhorns are ranked high but the lowly Southern Methodist Mustangs have just enough kick left in them to upset the 'Horns.

Rice was considered top-material in the conference, and almost bowed to SMU, squeezing by in the fading seconds of the game, 27-21.

Bill Meek, Mustang mentor, was once author of a big upset in Houston—a tie, to be exact, with the Aggies—and is still capable of putting down the Orange and White.

Therefore, I'll go out on a limb and pick SMU over Darrell Royall's stringent sophomores.

Baylor and Texas Christian will meet in another conference clash, and be able to compare notes over their experiences with the Aggies. Between the two of them, they were not able to cross the Army double-stripe, but both teams are realigning their sights for other conference teams.

The game, to be played in Waco Saturday afternoon, should be very close, but the decision will probably fall to Abe Martin's Horned Frogs.

Rice and Clemson will meet in intersectional play in Houston, and it looks as if Jess Neely's Owls will be given an opportunity to sharpen their claws on the Tigers. King Hill and Frank Ryan will engineer the attack, and the Owls will win again. They'll get the true test of their power next week, however, when they meet the Razorbacks in Houston.

Those are the games everyone will be watching this Saturday. I'll guess the scores will look something like this:

Texas A&M 21	Arkansas 6
SMU 20	Texas 14
Rice 28	Clemson 7
TCU 13	Baylor 12

Cadets Move Slow As Porker Game Nears

By GARY ROLLINS

With five players sidelined with injuries, the Texas Aggies continued their preparations for the rapidly-approaching game with Arkansas this Saturday.

Bobby Joe Conrad and Darrell Brown were released from the College Hospital yesterday, but the chances of their seeing action in Fayetteville this weekend were very slim.

Ends John Tracey and Don Smith, along with center John Gilbert, were also kept from participating in the light contact work characteristic of the Wednesday afternoon practice session.

The Cadets worked on their passing attack and their defenses, but in an overall picture, Coach Paul Bryant was unimpressed with their performance.

"We still don't have the desired quickness, with the exception of a few players and the way things look now, we never will. If they had the spirit to improve themselves, they would be trying hard enough to the point they would improve and become faster."

The first two units had little contact work, but concentrated primarily on improving their defense. The only personnel change found Tommy Howard, junior letterman from Galveston doing double duty at the guard slots.

Like Hopes, Prays For Racial Peace

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Eisenhower said yesterday he hopes and prays it soon will be possible to withdraw all federal troops from Little Rock, Ark.

On his order, troops have been at Little Rock since Sept. 24, to enforce a federal court order for racial integration of the city's Central High School.

Eisenhower moved the troops in after mob violence occurred.

At Little Rock, Gov. Orval Faubus commented that is Eisenhower had prayed about the situation, "then he ought to go ahead and remove the troops. After all, he's the one who issued the order that brought them here."

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Stone from the Ozarks

This is Donnie Stone, starting left halfback for the Porkers. He is 6-1, 190-pounds of hard-running Razorback having power like Nesbitt, and speed like Walker. He was the fourth leading ground gainer of all SWC sophomores last year.

CHS Tigers Meet Bobcats

By JOHNNY BARGER
CHS Sports Correspondent

Tomorrow night the Tigers of A&M Consolidated take a major step in their climb to District 23AA championship as they play host to the Cypress-Fairbanks Bobcats. This is to be the 1957 Homecoming game for the Consolidated ex's and should give the graduates a thrill.

Homecoming festivities begin with a rip-roaring start this evening at six when the huge bonfire, erected east of the school, is lit. Over a hundred former students from across the state are expected to attend. Fiery speeches from the yell leaders and hot pep talks by the more prominent ex's will keynote the affair.

During the half time of Friday night's tilt, the Homecoming Queen is to be crowned. She will be one of the eight nominees who have had their "voting jars" spread over the city. Following the game there will be a big homecoming dance in the gym at which Bill Turner and his Combo will furnish the music.

The Tigers will be a solid one-touchdown favorite in the battle, but the steadily improving squad from Cypress could very easily turn the tables on Consolidated. Cypress possesses a 3-4 season record, which

includes a 35-0 triumph over Navasota. Consolidated posts a 4-3 record, which also includes a victory over Navasota, by 33-6.

Both teams will field lines that are about equal in weight and strength, but Consolidated seems to have the more developed of the two. The big "if" in the minds of the Tiger supporters is whether or not quarterback Edgar Feldman will be able to play Friday. The Tiger field general has been suffering from a bad cold and has not attended any of the sessions this week. Otherwise Consolidated is at full strength and ready to give the Bobcats a hard time.

A Tiger victory would vault the locals into a first place tie with Bellville in the District 23AA race, leaving both crews with identical two and zero marks. Bellville is idle this week. Game time is eight tomorrow night on Tiger Field.

Last year the Bengals lost a 14-13 thriller to Cypress and the year before that the two teams tied at six points each, so it has been a very even series in the last few years.

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