

# Owl Crew Forecasts Hurricane For Aggies

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In the Rice Owl football brochure, the Owls of 1957 are described in weather terms as being "fair and warmer, with occasional scattered thundershowers." However, it appears that those occasional scattered thundershowers have suddenly boomed into the stratosphere and blossomed into a King-sized (no pun intended) hurricane. Warning flags have been run up along the Southwest Conference coast, with all craft taking cognizance.

Strangely enough, Rice Stadium has been the scene of many varieties of strange weather phenomena. The stadium itself is suggestive of some gigantic aircraft carrier perched on a sea of asphalt, its press box resembling the superstructure.

In the fall of 1955, a storm-

laden cloud hung back for a full 56 minutes of the Rice - Aggie game. However, with four minutes remaining, lightning struck—not once—but three times in the same place—the Rice end zone. Many were injured.

The stadium almost never recovered from the shock. But, just as Galveston after the great hurricane in 1900, the Rice Owls have fully recovered.

They have donned their best fighting dress blues and are now seagoing birds again.

They are skippered by the wisest of the wise, Commodore Jess Neely. With his crew of junior officers, they plan a counterattack against the Texas Aggies.

Last year, with a small ship, they cruised into Kyle Field, and were promptly torpedoed by a 21-7 score. They limped back to port and repaired.

Now they set sail at full strength against the biggest armada of all, the Texas Aggies. They plan to use every means of combat available to beat the Cadets. Being a versatile fighting unit, they will come both by land and sea. Their previous skirmishes have made them the number one offensive unit in the SWC.

King Hill is their chief gunner. He averages 7.4 yards every time he touches the ball. In 131 thrusts this year, for either passes or sallies into the seawall, he has rolled up 968 yards. He leads the fleet with total yardage, far above Longhorn Walter Fondren.

The USS Owl has averaged 374 yards per contest. Every time an Owl back ventures forth he averages 4.3 yards gained.

Their front line of old salts averages 196 pounds per man. They have as their chief bosun's mate Larry Whitmire, seafaring tackle from another seaport, Corpus Christi.

With Buddy Dial grabbing aials, and Raymond Chilton racking up the yardage horizontally, the Rice fleet is more than a formidable opponent for anyone.

Some secret weapon would be appreciated by the Texas A&M Athletic Department.



Carl Luna of Garland

Sophomore guard Carl Luna, a 6-0, 200-pounder from Garland, turned in his best performance of the season against SMU last week and has helped to solve mid-line problem that existed at start of season.

# Crow Tops On AP; Rated Week's Best

The Associated Press One important reason why Texas A&M is rated the nation's No. 1 college football team is that John Crow, a 210 - pound halfback, never has failed to turn in a first rate performance.

Crow did even more than usual as the Aggies topped Southern Methodist last Saturday and his efforts were recognized today when he was named Associated Press Back of the Week.

Crow drew the strongest recommendations from sports writers who watched him, even though the statistics of the game weren't especially impressive. He carried the ball 20 times and gained 89 yards, an average of 4.4 yards a carry. But most of those yards were made to count.

On the Aggies' 65-yard drive that clinched the game, Crow made three-fourths of the yard-

age, smashing the last two for the touchdown. He gained 24 of the Aggies' 49 yards on their first scoring march, setting up the touchdown with a seven - yard blast.

In addition, Crow ran back two kickoffs for 49 yards, a punt for 15 and threw one pass for 21 yards. When he wasn't lugging the ball, he looked superb.

On defense Crow was just as effective. He intercepted two passes and ran them back for 30 yards and he stole a pass from Lon Slaughter on the Aggie 10 to prevent an SMU touchdown.

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# Aggies Work In Mud

By JIM CARRELL

A&M is a school of traditions. Once more the weather, in a traditional manner football coaches in the Southwest would like to see end, was a bit inclement, though Tuesday's customary rain was absent.

For a change, however, the Aggies were able to work outside under the lights on fog-shrouded Kyle Field. Still yesterday's normally lengthy practice was shortened two periods since the soggy turf on the field would stand no more punishment.

"The workout was a little sloppy but the field was too," said Coach Paul Bryant after practice. "We needed to get in a little outside

work even if we did cut it short."

The Aggies worked on defenses against Rice's vaunted offense, currently leading the Southwest conference. A&M's offense, kicking game, pass defense and extra point and field goal protection came in for a share of attention in the workout.

"Who wrote that story quoting me as saying 'I might as well hide my guards after the SMU game?'" asked Bryant of a group of reporters in his office. "I never said

any such thing.

"Our guards played their very finest game of the year", continued Bryant. "That's no way for anyone to talk about boys who played as well as ours did."

A check of graded movie reports of Aggies games only substantiated what the coach had said. Guards Carl Luna, Allen Goehring, Tommy Howard and Jim Stanley played their best game of the year. SMU probably wishes the coach had hidden them.



Rice's Ryan, No. 2 Quarterback

Frank Ryan of Ft. Worth, a 6-3, 200-pounder, might well be a starter on any other SWC football team but at Rice he is second team behind the fabulous King Hill. Ryan has completed 15 of 27 passes for 206 yards and three touchdowns.

### Wesley To Hear Rev. Monk Speak

The Rev. Bob Monk will address the Wesley Fellowship on the life of John Wesley tonight at the group's weekly meeting. His talk will be entitled, "250,000 Miles on Horseback."

This will be the first in a series of programs on Methodism. Group discussion will follow Rev. Monk's talk.

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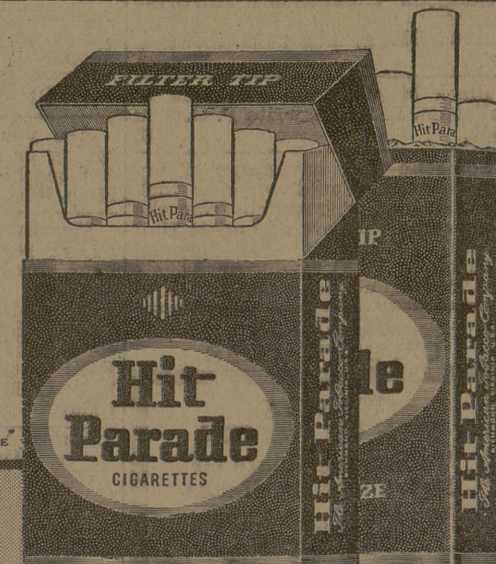
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