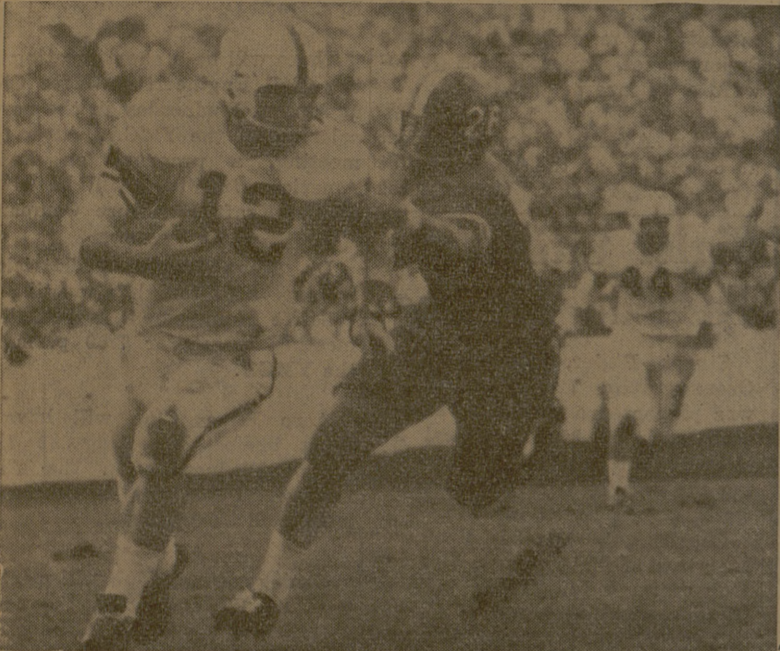


# Cotton-pickin' Owls Trip Ags, 7-6

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## Roddy Romps, But . . .

the Aggies lost. Roddy Osborne, Cadet quarterback is shown rounding end on a 19-yard gallop in the first quarter of last Saturday's game. A 15-yard penalty on the next play neutralized the threat.

The storm clouds gathered, the barometer dropped, the winds increased, but the lightning never struck in Rice Stadium Saturday as the Aggie hurricane failed to materialize as predicted.

And with the 7-6 loss to Rice, the words "would have" were replaced by the old stand-by "if."

The Cadet offense was like a car without a clutch, and failed to move consistently. Their passing attack backfired, as the alert Owl defense snatched three aeriels to stymie the Farmers' attack. The running game ground agonizingly to a halt as the Rice line met the national champions toe-to-toe.

Statistically, the Farmers beat the Houston crew, but the story was told on the scoreboards at either end of the massive stadium—Rice had upset the number one

team in the nation by one gigantic point.

Coach Bear Bryant's squad of Aggies had plenty of company, however, as three other teams in the nation's elite top ten also turned up on the short end of the score.

The most prominent of all was the snapping of the 47-game winning streak up in Norman, Okla. The Sooners were rudely severed from their pride, their winning streak—and their national ranking by a brash company of Fighting Irish. Iowa and Tennessee received similar setbacks.

As the conference race stands now, the Owls will have the open road to the Cotton Bowl if they defeat Texas Christian and Baylor. The Cadets must defeat the University of Texas to share in the co-championship—and to receive a bowl bid.

For the first straight week in a row, the Texas Aggies moved into fourth place in the national ratings after inhabiting the top spot for three consecutive weeks—a feat accomplished only by Michigan State and Oklahoma in the past two years.

The Spartans of Michigan State returned to the top team throne again, with Auburn advancing to second. In third place is the Ohio State Buckeyes. Mississippi trails the Aggies, and Bud Wilkinson's Sooners are way-down in sixth place.

Bryant summed-up the game in the most appropriate way, "They

whipped us. Rice out-meant us, out-toughed and out-everythinged us."

The movies of the game revealed the second unit performed more creditably than the first, with soph fullback Gordon LeBoeuf, guard Allen Goehring, tackle A. L. Simmons and guard Jim Stanley rating high on the celluloid tabulations.

The only injury suffered by the Aggies was to Carl Luna, a sophomore guard from Garland who was removed with an ankle injury.

With an off-Saturday facing them, the Farmers took a holiday Monday, but will get down to serious business Tuesday as they begin preparations for the Longhorn game on Turkey Day.

"We're going to try and get in some buttin' this week," said the

Aggie mentor. "We've done very little in practice and games all season."

The Aggie Fish wreaked revenge on the devil-may-care Owlets by trouncing them soundly, 14-0. Quarterback Jim Harrison flipped a 42-yard pass to halfback Jack Estes with 11:05 remaining in the first half. John Few converted.

Nine plays later, Fish Estes ripped over the double stripe again. This touchdown drive came on an intercepted Owllet pass on the Rice 45 by John Few. The Midlothian halfback snared Rice's Alvin Hartman's pass on the 45 and raced 18 yards to the 27. Two runs by Few

brought the pigskin to the 10.

Three quick plays later, Estes scored again with Houstonian Randy Sims adding the extra point.

While the Aggies recall the numerous verses of Casey At The Bat, the Rice Owls dream of Cotton on New Years Day—but further visions of Jim Shofner and Doyle Traylor no doubt disturb them.

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## Intramurals

A Veterinary whipped the Maroon Band, 16-6, yesterday for the freshman intramural football championship. They scored two touchdowns, converting both times and also scored a safety.

A Veterinary had advanced to the finals by topping A-AAA, 6-0, and the Maroon Band had moved up by virtue of a 3-1 penetration victory over Squadron 20 in a 0-0 game.

The two upperclassmen basketball champions were crowned last week.

A mighty College View team trounced Legett Hall 60 to 28 for the Civilian championship and Squadron 21 squeaked by Squadron 20, 33 to 32.

Bud Cloos and Bern Puszewski hit for 14 points and Fred Moebus and Bill Belford had 11 each to pace College View. Al Jones was the top pointmaker with 13 for Squadron 21 while Jim Starr had 12 for Squadron 20.

Squadron 21 whipped Squadron 8, 34 to 21, Squadron 20 beat Squadron 13, 20 to 13, in the semi-finals.

Class A and C football and ping pong and Class B basketball begin Nov. 20. Class B bowling starts Nov. 25 and Class B tennis starts Dec. 2. Class A and C horseshoes began play Monday.

## ALABAMA STRONG AT ENDS

UNIVERSITY, Ala. (AP)—Alabama's Crimson Tide figures to be strong at the end positions this season. Five lettermen are back. They are Willie Beck, Charley Gray, Don Owens, Baxter Booth and Ralph Blalock. All are juniors.

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