

Vols Upset Ag Gator Bowl Bid, 3-0

'Orange-shirted' Vols Three Points Too Tough

By GARY ROLLINS

A game Rice Institute football squad, destined to play in the Cotton Bowl this New Years Day laid the Texas Aggies into their coffin last November 6, defeating them 7-6.

Just twelve days later a rampant herd of Longhorns, with visions of New Orleans' Sugar Bowl dancing in their heads nailed the coffin door shut on Aggie hopes by tripping the Cadets 9-7.

On Dec. 28, Tennessee's Volunteers lowered the coffin into the grave, with a tombstone marked "The end of the Bryant era—Tennessee 3, Texas A&M 0."

A game tailback from Pulaski, Tenn., and a third-string fullback with a talented toe tacked the third straight loss on the Texas Aggies, breaking a Tennessee Bowl losing streak and starting an Aggie loss skein. It was the first time in 29 games the Cadets had been held scoreless—the last time being to UCLA, the last single-wing team they were to face until Tennessee. It also marked the beginning of a losing streak that has extended rapidly to three since late November.

Bobby Gordon, 189-pound senior tailback sporting a prominent "47" on his orange jersey slashed and pulled his way to the outstanding player award for the Volunteers and Sammy Burklow booted the field goal that sealed the Aggies' doom. John Crow, Mr. Do-it-all for the Aggies, was voted the outstanding performer for the losing team. On two occasions, Crow and Gordon met head-on with astounding results. The first impact found the Tennessee tailback losing possession of the ball and his composure as he broke through the middle of the line only to find Crow awaiting. The Aggies recovered the fumble.

Late in the fourth quarter, with Tennessee threatening on the Marion 20-yard line, Gordon once again set out for the promised land, and, "as straight as the Crow flies," he was met at the three by



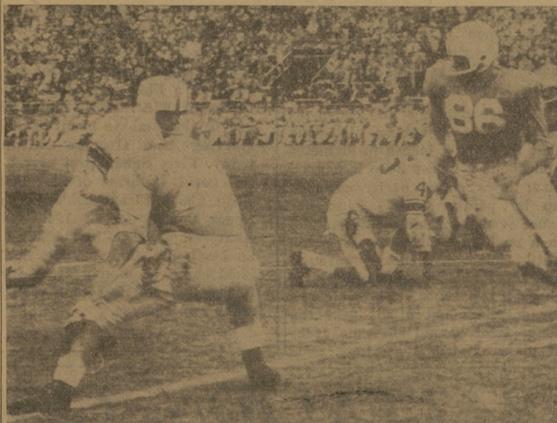
Jim McNichol

the ball over" which Burklow did.

When all was said and done, Tennessee praised the Aggies as one of the hardest-hitting, toughest defensive teams they had ever faced.

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Mr. Heisman Trophy, who hit with such impact as to leave Gordon reeling, stumbling and finally, unconscious. However, the spunky little tailback stayed in action and tried one more line buck before Tennessee realized they couldn't penetrate the Aggie defense for a touch-down, so they would have to "kick



"All the King's Horses—"

And Roddy Osborne just couldn't put the ball across the double stripe as the Aggies were outstripped in their Gator Bowl effort by a fighting Tennessee team, 3-0. That's wingback Jim Grubb and end Murray Armstrong preparing to haul the "Grim Keeper" to the turf.

Cadet Cagers Host 'Sips Tonight at 8

After playing doormat for the powerful Eastern Coast basketball teams, Coach Bobby Rogers' traveling Texas Aggies return to their home court for the first time this season to face the infamous "orange-shirted" Texas Longhorns tonight in G. Rollie White Coliseum.

In the Cadets' conference opener, they bowed to the powerful Texas Christian Horned Frogs in Fort Worth last Saturday night by a 71-48 score, while Arkansas was barely able to eke out a 57-55 win over the surprising Steers.

The Aggies are paced by 6-5 Archie Carroll and 6-9 Wayne Lawrence, both averaging 12 points per game. Close behind in the lineup is Victoria's hot shot guard, Neil Swisher, who has accumulated 111 points in the 10 contests as compared with Carroll's and Lawrence's 118.

Rounding out the Aggie starting five are Jim McNichol and Ernie Turner.

McNichol, the 6-5 redhead from Philadelphia, Pa. seemed to have a personal grudge against the Longhorns in last season's final game with Texas and directed the Cadets to their second win over the hapless Horns.

In the Southwest Conference Tournament, held at Houston during the Christmas holidays, the Cadets dropped games to Tourney-champ TCU and Southern Methodist, while whopping Baylor by a 17-point margin, 80-63.

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