



Coach Jim Myers and His Lucky Seven

A&M began a new era in athletics with the naming in January, 1958, of Jim Myers as director of athletics and head football coach. The genial mentor from Iowa State brought with him one of the top-and youngest-staffs in college football. (L to R) Bud Sherrod, end coach; Elmer Smith, center coach; Russ Faulkinberry, tackle coach; John Michels, guard coach; Willie Zapalac, backfield coach; Bill Jones, freshman coach; and Doug Bradley, tailback coach.

In The Red Raider Camp

Dark clouds are forming over the Tech training camp this week as Coach DeWitt Weaver sends his Red Raiders racing to beat the flock that will send his eleven to battle Saturday night against the Aggies in the Cotton Bowl. Tech has small hopes of pulling an upset against the favored Cadets. They have experience—more lettermen returning than the Aggies do—but there is also a dearth of top-notch material. Soph center E. J. Holub—already tabbed by one magazine as sophomore lineman of the year—is still is of unproven quality and would turn out to be one of the top flubs of the year. Bright spot in the Raider backfield is supplied by Captain Jerry Bell, and able quarterback and a good passer. He's backed by senior John Riddle and Notre Dame transfer Bob Witucki, also of untested quality. Ronnie Rice, a fleet halfback whose long runs made him Tech's leading rusher last year with a 0.4 average, is picking up where he left off. Also strong is Joan Koerters, shifted from fullback to halfback because of his speed and broken field ability. At fullback, Doug Duncan leads a corps of strong men, none ready, but all reportedly fast and agile. Duncan was ineligible for competition last year. The first line probably will have Gerald Seaman and Jerry Selfridge at ends, Jim Henderson and Phil Williams at tackles, Gene Bentley and Jerry Don Stockton at guards and Holub at center. Bentley and Stockton both are playing positions new to them. Seaman and Selfridge are both good blockers, have good hands and better than average quickness. Selfridge is especially rugged and able. Henderson and Williams, slow down the team's speed, but both boys are big, strong tacklers. They are difficult to move when on de-

Frosh Football Squad Displays Spirit, Drive

Good football and lots of hustle are the most encouraging points in the training camp of the freshman footballers as they prepare for their season opener against the University of Houston Kittens Oct. 2 in Kyle Field. Sixty-one boys are new on the roster. This does not include some 20 graders from the Corps who are candidates for a position on the team. "It is too early to praise any individuals for outstanding performances, but the team as a whole is trying hard and making lots of improvement," Coach Bill Jones said yesterday. "However," he adds, "much more work is to be done." He said there are several changes still to be made in the lineup and the season is not far enough along to predict who will be holding the starting berths. Most of yesterday's practice emphasized "getting in shape." The latter part of the session was spent running through four plays the team is trying to "get down pat." As the teams started running through plays, Coach Jones recalled that one of his former coaches made the statement "You never get a play down perfect until you have run through it 150 times." The Fish team still has about 140 to go and should improve steadily.

SWC Race Wide Open

By Harold V. Ratliff
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Another Southwest Conference football campaign opens Saturday and this one looks more wide open than any since the war years when Texas was a certainty to win the title. It will be wide open in several ways—there isn't a really outstanding favorite in the field and there appears a tendency to bring the game back to the fans through elimination of some of the dull head-knocking routine that only the split-T could produce. The single wing, a formation that brings action in the open, will be back with the coming of Jim Myers to Texas A&M. Arkansas will have an approach to the single wing with its wing T as brought in by Frank Broyles.

knocking era anyway. Most everybody has a different idea about who's going to win the conference championship. Texas Christian seems to have a slight lead but Southern Methodist and Texas are backed almost as much. Looking over the rosters one could wonder also if Rice and Texas A&M shouldn't be rated with the best. Rice should be as strong as last season. A&M has more outstanding individuals than anybody. 1. Southern Methodist. 2. Texas Christian. 3. Texas. 4. Rice. 5. Texas A&M. 6. Arkansas. 7. Baylor.

Texas Christian obviously will throw some passes this time, in contrast to the past several years when the Horned Frogs did nothing much except run with the ball. Coach Abe Martin found you couldn't expect to win consistently if you did only one thing and the opposition knew it. Also, he arrived at the conclusion that the fans deserved a better shake.

Baylor has worked out a formation that should open up the game whether the Golden Bears win or not. Southern Methodist is bound to throw high, wide and handsome since it has a more experienced Don Meredith.

So, it's opportune to think that the most exciting football campaign yet will unfold this autumn. The Southwest Conference has an ambitious 20-game inter-sectional schedule that could bring it great national glory if it cashed in on it. Chances are that it won't because the league definitely is down in experience and ability. But perhaps it can make things interesting with razzle-dazzle football.

It would be nice if the Texas-Oklahoma game managed to give the crowd a few real thrills. During the past 10 years this game has been about the dullist of the season.

Back in the days when the Southwest Conference was noted as the passiest league in the country, it won its greatest national glory. That came in the thirties when, within five years, it had three national champions. There was no T formation and ball control hadn't been seriously tried.

Perhaps the conference is going at least partially back to that. It couldn't hurt the record materially since the record hasn't been too good under the ball-control, head-

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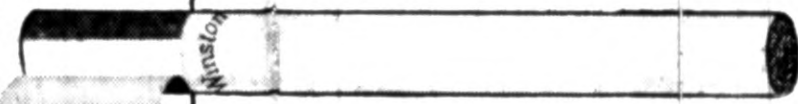
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