

Defeat Drops Aggies from Top 20

A&M's defeat by Texas Tech's Red Raiders knocked them out of the No. 20 spot in the weekly Associated Press football poll of the top teams in the nation as untested Ohio State held onto the top position.

The Buckeyes, named as the top team in the pre-season poll of sports writers and sportscasters a week ago, remained in that position as Oklahoma, also idle last week and still untested, retained the No. 2 spot.

Highest rated Southwest Conference team is TCU, which jumped to sixth place after defeating Kansas 42-0 Saturday. The only other SWC team to make the top 20 is SMU, which just made it—20th place. Texas

almost made it with 45 points and Baylor copped three points, based on 10 points for a first-place vote, nine for second, etc.

It was a runaway for Ohio State as far as first-place votes were concerned. The Buckeyes were rated in the top spot by all 45 voters. Auburn, the third-place team, received 18 first-place votes and Oklahoma and TCU 12 each. Five of the top 10 teams failed to get a vote for the top position.

Two new teams made the select 10 this week as one dropped out due to defeat and another moved downward to make room for a team that turned in an impressive victory.

North Carolina, No. 10 last week, dropped out of the first 20 in losing to North Carolina State. Navy, still an uncertain quantity and ranked seventh last week, fell to 11th as Pittsburgh took over the No. 7 spot by virtue of its victory over UCLA.

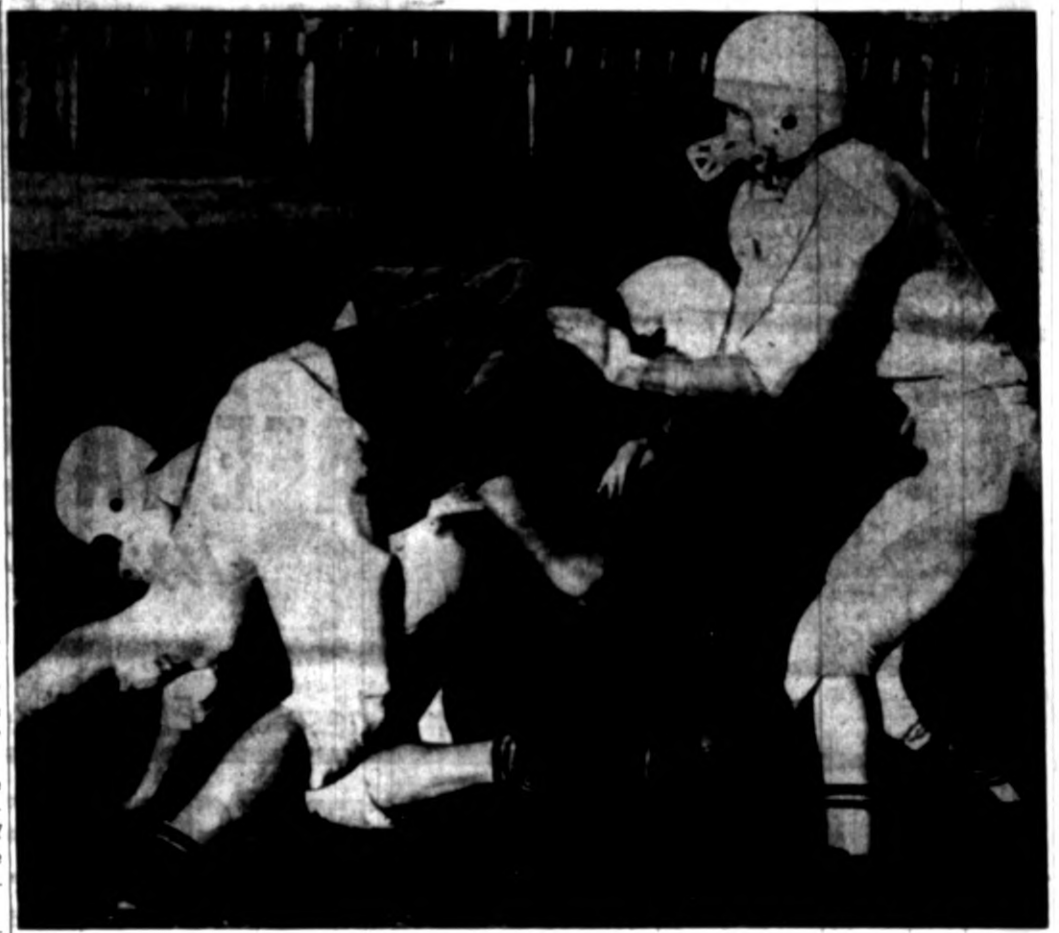
The top five teams will make their debuts this week, giving voters a chance to answer a lot of questions and get a line on the accuracy of their pre-season predictions.

SMU gets an excellent opportunity to raise its No. 20 rating when it meets the Buckeyes this week. An upset victory for the Mustangs would certainly put them in the role of a top contender for the SWC flag. TCU takes on Iowa at Iowa City, Texas meets Tulane at New Orleans and Baylor clashes with Hardin-Simmons in Waco.

The top 10 teams and the points received by each team were Ohio State, 903; Oklahoma, 828; Auburn, 551; Michigan State, 507; Notre Dame, 504; TCU, 474; Pittsburgh, 198; Army, 186; Mississippi, 171; and Washington State, 153.

The second 10, in order, were Mississippi State, Navy, West Virginia, Wisconsin, Miami, LSU, Kentucky, Florida, South Carolina and SMU.

Don Hatcher, ex-Yankee infielder, is managing Mobile, Ala., in the Southern Assn. Last year he handled the Reading, Pa., team.



The Mighty Beck In Action

Ken Beck goes through blocking practice with two squadmen in preparation for the Cougar game. Beck, All-American candidate, is the mainstay of the Aggie line with his strength and ability.

Cougars Gear Defense Against Ags' Offense

The University of Houston Cougars are continuing defensive drills against the Aggie-type single-wing in preparation for their opening game of the season against the Cadets Saturday night in the Rice Stadium.

Workouts have been fairly successful though Coach Harold La-

har's Cougars, like nearly everyone else, have to contend with depressing weather conditions and miserable field conditions.

First unit Fullback Jim Kuehne suffered a rib injury in Monday's scrimmage, but X-rays revealed he suffered no broken bones and will be ready for Saturday's clash. The injury caused some anxiety in the camp, for UH already has lost one fullback, Sophomore Tom Cowan, for the season due to a knee injury, leaving Kuehne, converted guard Charley Caffrey and Sophomores Hilmer Potcinske and Freddy Green to handle the position.

The Cougars' depth situation looked better as the second and third units showed rapid improvement. Both the first and second teams ran well on offense and, despite water-soaked conditions, Quarterbacks Lonnie Holland, Don McDonald and Pat Studstill staged an impressive aerial attack.

Also impressive in early offensive drills was Claude King, talented Mississippian who shows no signs of the injury which hampered him last year. The tricky-gaited junior halfback was on the receiving end of several passes and displayed the dazzling broken-field

running which won him all-America honors in high school and more fame as a UH Kitten.

There hasn't been as much "chatter" as in earlier sessions, which Coach Lahar attributed to depressing weather. But the Cougars showed they could move the ball in the mud and Lahar hopes his charges will "catch fire" before facing the forces from Aggieland.

Sorely missed are some of the lettermen lost via graduation. The nine lettermen lost represent three regular starters and a total of eight who started some games and ranked in the top 22 players. The list include all-Midlands tackle John Peters, Fullback Mike Michon, and the team's top linebacker and Co-Captain Bob Blevins, a consistent top performer at end.

Biggest problems they have had to cope with are inexperience at end, fullback and guard, and lack of depth at center and end. The backfield has fine speed and size. None of the quarterbacks have proven to be exceptional passers, though this weakness has improved.

Despite the weather, a crowd of 60,000 is forecast as tickets are selling at a brisk pace.

Middies Ordered to Cease Prep Aid to Frosh Athletes

ANNAPOLIS, Md.—(AP)—Navy has been ordered by the Eastern Collegiate Athletic Conference to discontinue prep-school aid to athletes, it was learned Wednesday.

The conference, by a majority vote of its members, rejected the practice under which the service academy has paid up to half the tuition of some of its athletes to

attend a prep school to better prepare them for entrance examinations to the academy.

The vote was taken by a secret mail ballot of the 110 ECAC members this summer, it was understood.

Navy athletic officials could not be reached for immediate comment on the report. But it was understood that an announcement was imminent from ECAC headquarters in New York.

The action was expected to throw a crimp into the program by which Navy has been obtaining an estimated 50 per cent of its athletes in recent years, although only 17 per cent of the present plebe freshman crop went through prep schools before enrolling here.



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