

A&M Sports In Brief

A Glimpse Into the Past

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that sounds a little strange to present-day Aggies. A&M scored a 33-0 victory over Baylor in Waco. The Texas-A & M Turkey Day series did not begin until later.

The March 27, 1907, issue reports that before the largest crowd ever gathered at the athletic field, the Cincinnati Reds defeated the Aggie baseball team by a score of 9-0. All the National Leaguers' runs came in the third inning when the Aggie nine reportedly "went to pieces."

On May 14, 1907, Texas University took two baseball games from A & M on Clark Field. The Texas star was their pitcher, Graham, who pitched the first game allowing five hits and after only a few minutes rest, pitched another nine innings making a total of 18 for the afternoon.

The November 5, 1920, issue of the Batt carries an interesting item. It seems that an Aggie Yell Leader challenged Rice to a "yell match" at a football game due to be played shortly. Rice rejected the offer, so the Yell Leader offered to send only A & M Freshmen to compete with the entire Rice cheering section. The offer was still refused.

Incidentally, the Aggies won the game, 7-0.

A 1929 Batt carried a story which could almost have been repeated in 1958. The Aggie cagers defeated S. M. U. on a last minute goal in a game which the sports writer described as "no doubt the best game in four years."

Aggie Fish Tangle With UH Thursday

The gridders who will have a lot to do with A & M's football success in the future will make their college debut on Kyle Field Thursday at 7:30 p. m. as the Aggie Fish meet the University of Houston Kittens.

It will be the first game of the season for Coach Bill Jones' Fish. The Kittens opened with a 42-6 win over Mexico Poly last week.

Among the featured Aggie frosh will be talented tailback Jesse McGuire of Plainview, all-anything last fall including being voted top schoolboy player in Texas; fullback Jim Murphy of El Reno, Okla., top Sooner prepster of 1957; guard Mickey Walker, all-stater from Fort Arthur, and end James Street, all-stater from Nederland.

Rounding out the probable starting lineup are Gary Finch at wingback; Daryle Keeling, blocking back; Woody Meyers, strongside tackle; Dennis Gaubatz, center; David Skinner, weakside guard; John Stradinger, weakside tackle; and Frank Fisher, weakside end.



Coach Homer Norton
Norton guided the Aggie grid fortunes from 1934 to 1947, winning two SWC championships and the national championship in 1939.

Houston Kittens Ready For Aggie Fish Game

The University of Houston Kittens would like to follow in their varsity brothers' footsteps Thursday night when they face the Aggie fish in Kyle Field.

Houston mauled the Cadet varsity Saturday night 39-7, and it looks like their younger brothers have the material to follow right in their footsteps.

The Houston freshmen, playing the first Kitten home game in UH history, rolled up a 500-yard offense while smashing an undermanned Mexico Poly Tech team 42-6 last Thursday.

Although the Kittens came out of their opener without a serious player injury, the Red and White will not be in top physical condition for the Aggie encounter. Several players are recovering from colds and sore throats.

Starting ends are Bill Crowder, a 190-pounder from St. Acres and Red Wright, a 6-4, 205-pounder from Mexia.

Former all-stater Jim Norris, 6-4 and 230 from Mercedes, will be at right tackle. Johnny Rogers, another all-stater from Seymour, will be at the other tackle slot.

Guards are Jerry Lewis, former Kaufman High star who tips the scales at 215, and Ed Bleier of Texarkana, Ark., who weighs 205. High School All-American Danny Birdwell, a 220-pounder from Big Spring, is handling the center position. Larry Lindsey, former Union

Oklahoma On Top Again

Oklahoma, which never gets far from the top, was No. 1 again Monday in the weekly Associated Press college football poll on the strength of its smashing 47-14 victory over a well-rated West Virginia eleven last Saturday. The Sooner's displaced Ohio State in that spot, the Buckeyes dropping to third place behind the defending national champion Auburn team.

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Aggies Battle With Tigers Saturday

Fans will get a wide variety of football here Saturday night when A&M and Missouri meet for the second time.

The Aggies will furnish the single wing and the Tigers will furnish about every offense in the books when Coach Dan Devine throws his multiple offense at the Cadets.

The Aggies took Missouri last year in Columbia, 28-0, when Frank Broyles was the Tiger mentor.

Missouri, victors over Idaho last week, 14-10, after an 8-12 loss to Vanderbilt, features the running of Halfbacks Hank Kuhlmann and Norris Stevenson and the fine line play of Guards Charles Rash and Don Chadwick and End Danny LaRose. The Tigers use the winged T, split T, straight T, single wing and double wing. It's the same offense Devine used so successfully at Arizona State (Tempe) before taking the Missouri job.

For the second straight week the Aggies will face a team of speedy backs. Missouri has the fastest backfield of any Tiger teams in the past 10 years.

The Cadets enter the Missouri game with losses this year to Texas Tech and to Houston. The Ags have the nation's leading punter in Tailback Charley Minstead. The Tyler junior has punted five times for an average of 53.8 yards per kick. Minstead has had quick kicks go 68 and 72 yards.

Coach Jim Myers has planned few changes for the game. The saw battle of the Smith brothers at weakside end continues with Sophomore Ralph getting the nod

Athletic Dept. Improves Stadium

The Athletic Department has appropriated \$78,000 for improvements at Kyle Field.

The east side of the stadium is now being hard topped and the rest room facilities are also scheduled for improvements. The east side will have its gravel base for this week's game, and the asphalt top will be paved as soon as possible.

Robert Lange, contractor from Brenham, Texas, has the contract. Barlow (Bones) Irvin, Assistant Athletic Director, stated that it is the department's objective, in the future, to add 5,000 more seats by extending the stadium from both sides of the new press box section.

STARTING LINEUP

MISSOURI

LE—84 Russell Sloan (182)
LT—72 Owen Worstell (211)
EG—63 Charles Rash (194)
C—51 Tom Swaney (200)
RG—96 Don Chadwick (212)
RT—70 Mike Magac (206)
RE—87 Danny LaRose (219)
QB—14 Phil Snowden (185)
LB—23 Hank Kuhlmann (192)
RH—40 Norris Stevenson (180)
FB—32 Jim Miles (188)

TEXAS A & M

WE—82 Ralph Smith (185)
WT—74 Carl Luna (196)
WG—63 Allen Goehring (185)
C—55 Gale Oliver (193)
SG—68 Carter Franklin (190)
ST—72 Ken Beck (230)
SE—80 John Tracey (215)
TB—11 Charles Minstead (187)
BB—30 Richard Gay (190)
WB—35 Jon Few (189)
FB—37 Gordon LeBoeuf (185)

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