

# Fish Gridders Maul Houston, 12-0

## McFarland Completes 9 of 13

What appeared to be a raging University of Houston Cougar turned out to be a harmless kitten last night in Kyle Field as the Aggie Fish mauled the Kittens, 12-0.

Houston had a strong team but the Cadet steamroller took charge and ground out 247 yards while holding their opponents to 107.

Tailback Rodger McFarland was the big gun for the Fish, personally accounting for 162 yards while completing 9 of 13 passes. Full-back Pete Burks led the Kitten attack with 24 yards to his credit.

The freshmen opened their scoring parade early in the third quarter after holding Houston to only two first downs in the first half and allowing them to cross the midfield stripe only once.

A&M's touchdown was set up after end Jim Willis blocked a UH punt on the Cats 14-yard line, with the Cadets recovering the ball on the 27. McFarland passed on first down to Houston's 15-yard line, then carried the ball around right end to the 2. The lanky frosh next charged over right tackle for the tally. His try for extra point was wide.

With minutes remaining in the game McFarland again took charge of the Fish and marched them 47 yards to the Cougar 1. Only two seconds remained when fullback Eddie Van Dyke dashed around right end and outran his pursuers to the goal line. Van Dyke tried to run the ball over for the extra point but was stopped short of the goal.

Starting tailback Jesse McGuire was injured early in the first quarter and never re-entered the game, though he was reported to be only "shaken up." Even at that he was the Ags' second leading ground gainer with 26 yards for five carries.



Wilkins Cuts the Corner!

Tailback Ray Wilkins swerves around end in last night's game with an unidentified Houston player trying for the tackle. The Fish won 12-0.

## Fish Glad to be Aggies

By FRED MEURER

Fish gridgers took time out for singing the War Hymn before taking showers and talking last night after defeating the University of Houston Kittens in their A&M debut.

When they got around to talking they said the Kittens weren't too tough, the game was fun and they'd be better the next time.

Rodger McFarland, who hit 9 of 13 passes and scored a touchdown, shrugged off all praise, saying, "They just didn't have the spirit we had. Most of the credit goes to our blocking and defensive line."

Dennis Gaubitz, just completing a hearty performance at center, commented, "Our blocking wasn't precision. We'll get a whole lot better."

Blocking Back Daryle Keeling, who snatched five passes in the contest, said the game was rough, but "I'm hoping to be around awhile. They couldn't run me off now."

"The Kittens weren't as tough

as I figured. We were ready," changed in guard Larry Smith. Guards Mickey Walker and David Skinner and Ends Frank Fisher and Jake Young agreed the game was "a lot more fun than high school ball."

## Coach Louds Fish

"We have some boys who will get with it," said a happy Coach Bill Jones after his freshman team walloped the University of Houston Kittens, 12-0. "They won the game themselves; it wasn't the coaching."

Jones hastily singled out backs Rodger McFarland, Eddie Van Dyke, Fred Gibson and Daryle Keeling, and linemen Jim Street and Dennis Gaubitz as having done yeoman service. He expressed delight with his entire group of guards.

"I didn't know what to expect but I also didn't know we had a sparkplug like McFarland and a guy who would take charge like Keeling," Jones remarked.

## SPORT SLANTS

By BOB WEEKLEY

Fed up with my old method of picking the winners, namely tossing a coin, I took a trip to the palmist last night and got what she called "the straight poop" on this week SWC victors.

Reading the crooked line in my hand she saw A&M the favorite over Missouri, Notre Dame the choice over SMU, Rice a cinch to drop Purdue and dBaylor on the short end of the score with Miami.

- It shapes up like this:
- A&M 28 — Missouri 13
- SMU 19 — Notre Dame 20
- Rice 14 — Purdue 8
- Baylor 13 — Miami 15
- Texas 20 — Texas Tech 0
- TCU 22 — Arkansas 0

The Aggies will live it up on this one, taking all their frustrations out on the hapless Tigers.

Meredith might pull the Mustangs through, but it'll be a miracle.

Rice has to win one more to convince me they're an improved ball club.

Baylor is a flash in the pan, and this is the first real competition they've faced this year.

The Steers will have a field day on the Red Raiders. Tech is out of its class.

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