

# Longhorns 7th in Nation; Army Takes No. 1 Slot

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Swift, imaginative Army assumed the role as No. 1 college football team in the country Wednesday and posed a king-sized question mark.

Is the present team equal to the Doc Blanchard-Glenn Davis wrecking machines of 1944 and 1945?

"Definitely superior to the Blanchard-Davis teams," said Edward Moose Krause, Notre Dame athletic director, who saw the Cadets whip the Irish last week end 14-2.

"A fine football team," added Notre Dame's Coach Terry Brennan. "The deserve to be No. 1."

Earl Blaik himself, in his silver anniversary as a head coach, was more reserved in his immediate judgment.

"I never make a comparison of teams until the season's end," he said. "I can say this is one of the most spirited squads I have ever coached. And it has wonderful leadership."

Of his newly gained No. 1 ranking, the first for Army since the unbeaten wartime teams of 1944-45, the Army colonel said:

"Naturally I am happy over the honor. But I would be pleased whether we are No. 1 or No. 10 so long as we are winning."

Army replaced Auburn at the top of the Associated Press weekly poll, collecting 77 first place votes and a point total of 1,611. Auburn, which squeezed past Kentucky 8-0, fell to second place on 54 first place votes and 1,434 points.

In the poll of the country's sports writers and broadcasters, ten points are awarded for a first place vote, nine for second and on down the line.

Three Big Ten powerhouses—Ohio State, Wisconsin and Michigan State—followed Army and Auburn in the latest ratings.

Then, making up the bottom five were Navy, No. 6; Texas, 7; Mississippi, No. 8; Louisiana State, No. 9; and Clemson, No. 10.

The most conspicuous absentee was Oklahoma, which has been in the final top ten every year since 1950, leading in 1950, 1955 and 1956. The Sooners dropped to 11th ates as pass catcher and decoy.

Army, short on reserves, came up with a revolutionary offense this year built around a lonesome end, who parks himself 20 yards wide of the scrimmage and operates as pass scatterer and decoy.

Blaik acknowledges the 1958 team has speed, strong runners and dedication.

1. Army	(77)	3-0	1,611
2. Auburn	(54)	3-0	1,434
3. Ohio State	(39)	3-0	1,067
4. Wisconsin	(16)	3-0	1,073
5. Michigan State	(4)	2-0-1	783
6. Navy	(1)	3-0	706
7. Texas	(3)	4-0	702
8. Mississippi	(2)	4-0	652
9. Louisiana State	(2)	4-0	454
10. Clemson	(7)	4-0	404

Freshman basketball tryouts for all interested Fish will be conducted Wednesday, Thursday and Friday in G. Rollie White Coliseum at 8 p.m. by freshman coach Shelby Metcalf.

# Cagers Start Drills

Texas A&M basketball coach Bob Rogers will welcome 15 varsity candidates Wednesday as he begins his second season at the Southwest conference school.

Hopes are high at Aggieland following the school's finest cage season in seven years. Rogers in his first year at A&M last year piloted the Aggies to an 11-13 season record and a 7-7 conference mark, finest since 1951.

It was at the tailend of the campaign a year ago that A&M staggered the conference leader in three consecutive games including ending SMU's four-year home win streak in Dallas.

Six lettermen, two junior college transfers and four sophomores highlight the Aggie varsity squad. The lettermen are Neil Swisher of Victoria, top scorer last year with a 13.4 average; Archie Carroll of Redlands, runner-up scorer; Wayne Lawrence of Pawcatuck, Conn; Jim McNichol of Philadelphia; Dave Corson of New Orleans and Ernie Turner of Beaumont.

The junior college transfers are Kelly Chapman of Owensboro, Ky., and Tyler Junior College who will not be eligible until the second semester and Wilmer Cox of Houston and Kilgore Junior College. Up from the frosh are four sophomores

led by Don Mercer of Longview and Elliott Craig of Beaumont. Other sophs are Steve Van Winkle of Peoria, Ill., and Tommy Smith of Jefferson.

Three squadmen round out the 15-man varsity. They are Jack Schwake of La Grange, Jack Collier of Amarillo and Sam Myers of Beaumont.

A&M opens the 24-game cage slate with with Trinity at San Antonio, Dec. 1.

Freshman coach at A&M this season is Shelby Metcalf, former East Texas State star at Commerce.

# Frogs Fear Farmers And Single Wing Play

FORT WORTH, Oct.—Defending the single-wing formation will be the theme of TCU practice drills this week as the Purple prepare for its second Southwest Conference tussle of the season Saturday against Texas A&M at College Station.

"I'm sure we're in for quite a game," said Frog Coach Abe Martin. "Our scouting reports have nothing but praise for the play of the Aggies in the victories over Missouri and Maryland. Their formation alone will give us trouble."

Freshman Coach Fred Taylor, who watched the Aggies in both outings, calls the Aggies "a tough-hitting outfit, one with some standout individuals, especially Tracy, Ken Beck, Charles Milled and Dick Gay."

Martin said his club should be at top strength for the contest. Robert Lilly, the giant sophomore tackle who skipped the Texas Tech game because of a bad ankle, is expected to join the rough work early this week. Martin,

though, had plaudits for the work of Senior Paul Pitts, who ran the No. 1 right tackle against the Red Raiders.

Martin said the movies of the 26-0 romp over Texas Tech revealed "our overall play continues to improve and our blocking is getting sharper. Also the quarterbacks are tossing variety at the opponent."

He said the running of Left Half Marvin Lasater, who enjoyed his finest night of the season, was pleasing. So was the all-round work of Tackle Don Floyd, Guard Sherill Headrick and Center Dale Walker.

# Ag Tankmen Meet

Twenty boys showed up for the first meeting of the Fish swimming team at P. L. Downs natatorium last Thursday.

Ten of these freshmen have previous swimming experience.

Any freshman wishing to try out for the Fish team should contact Coach Adamson in his office in Downs Natatorium weekdays from 4-6 p.m. and on Saturdays from 3-5.

The freshmen have meets scheduled with the University of Texas, Rice, Southern Methodist University and high school meets with Lamar and Reagan of Houston.

Anyone interested in taking senior life-saving should meet with Coach Adamson Thursday night in Downs Natatorium.

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