

Ags Not Improving

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There were no smiles around Kyle Field yesterday. Coaches shook their heads while watching the athletes run through their offensive and defensive sessions. After Coach Jim Myers dismissed the group he watched them thunder toward the dressing room.

"The score will be 77-0 if we don't stop SMU better than we stopped our Fish tonight," he

grimly said. "It looks like Saturday's game will be the mismatch of the year... of the century."

The Aggie freshmen had been running SMU plays against the varsity, and moving the ball with frightening consistency. Roger McFarland, playing the part of SMU's Don Meredith, broke loose for long gains every time he took the ball... and many of them were right through the middle of the

line.

"Our defensive drill was terrible," said Myers. "There's no way we could have looked worse."

Fate seems to have given the back of her hand to the Aggies after their stunning 33-27 upset of Baylor two weeks ago. Arkansas, since then, roared down out of the hills and humiliated the Cadets, 21-8, and the Mustangs appear likely to put the icing on the cake. Injuries have begun to plague

the depth-thin Aggies now when they need all the help they can muster. The Cadets face the toughest portion of the conference in the next three weeks.

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EVEN OLD SARGE BETTER PREPARE FOR THIS ONE

THE BAND IS THE MOST LIKELY ONE TO WIN THIS CORPS TRIP!

Franklin Small, Hits Hard

By TOMMY KEITH
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Carter Franklin, starting guard on the Aggie varsity, came to A&M mainly because he thought he could get more studying done. Aggie football fans are mighty glad he did.

For while few Aggies know the likeable lad's GPR, many are familiar with his feats on the gridiron.

The 190-pound sophomore has been a welcome surprise to Cadet coaches. He had an outstanding high school record at Kerens and lettered on the Fish team last year, but seemed to find himself in spring training this year. He is one of four sophomores on the

starting eleven.

Carter was an all-stater in high school and had scholarship offers from several Southwest Conference schools, University of Houston and several junior colleges.

When asked why he chose Aggie, he explained, "It's really hard to nail down. But Don Cloud, a hometown buddy who is now Cadet Colonel of the Corps, had a lot of influence on my decision. Too, I wanted to go to a non-denominational school and figured I would do better scholastically at A&M."

The talented athlete's activities were not limited to football in high school. He was also a stand-

out in baseball, basketball and track.

"We had a pretty good baseball team my junior year," he recalls. "We won district but lost out in bidistrict. I played in the outfield. In track, I threw the shot close to 50 feet, which was good enough to get the regional. But there I ran into some pretty big boys."

Carter is still undecided about what he wants to do after graduation. He is currently majoring in physical education and thinks he would like to be a coach.

"However," he points out, "There is a lot of pressure on a coach and I'm still not sure that is what I'll be. I'm still giving it a lot of thought."

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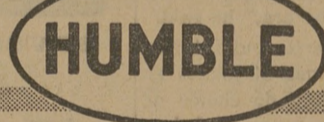


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