

# Jinxed Fish Seek First Win As They Meet Kittens Tonight

By JOE CALLICOATTE  
With an open date and plenty of practice behind them the "one point jinxed" Aggie Fish meet the University of Houston Kittens on Kyle Field tonight at 7:30.

Injuries are taking their toll in the Fish camp with the number running into the double figures.

Six of the injured are members of the first two units and have seen considerable action this year.

Ronnie Brice, who was the leading passer in both of the freshman games, is out with an injured knee. Mike Davis, starting end, and Eddie Dolezal, second team right half are sidelined with ankle injuries.

Sam Byer, who was the leading ground gainer in the TCU Wog game, has an injured hip. Don Sanders is definitely out and Alex Cortese is doubtful.

Against TCU and Baylor the Fish matched the opposition statistic-wise, but couldn't come out on the heavy end of the score. In the TCU game the Cadets missed their chance to win the game on a field goal try in the closing minutes. When the Cubs came to Kyle Field, Jon Mason, 9.7 speed merchant, took the opening kickoff back 93 yards for a touchdown, but the extra point attempt failed and the Fish went down again by one point when the Cubs scored in the fourth quarter.

Ronny Ledbetter is the leading ground gainer after two games with 86 yards and a 3.7 average.

Brice has connected on 7 of 12 passes to rack up a total of 67 yards. Mike Davis is the top receiver with 37 yards on four catches.

Top rushers behind Ledbetter include Lee Roy Caffey of Thornedale with 76 yards, Byer of Marlin has 53 yards and Mason of Los Cruces, N. M., rounds out the top men with 45 yards.

Coach Tom Chandler said he thought the large number of injuries was due to the heavy scrimmage that the team has been through during the past ten days.

Chandler said he hoped to be able to break the "one point jinx" that has gotten hold of the Cadets for the past two games and also to score a lot more touchdowns. He cited Caffey, Tommy Janik of Poth and Ledbetter as doing a good job in the backfield. George Hogan, 225 pound tackle from Longview, Jerry Hopkins, 215 pound center from Mart, James Phillips, 210 pound guard from Freepport, Jim Harper, 195 pound guard from Borger and Keith Huggins, a 230 pound Houston tackle, are all doing respectable jobs at their positions.

Following tonight's contest with the Kittens the Fish will play the Rice Owlets here Nov. 12 and finish the season against the Texas Shorthorns at Austin, Nov. 21.



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## Ex-Aggie Has Football Spirit; Tapes Contests on Recorder

Barney Welch, the Aggie intramural director who thinks sports is a way of life, has a brother-in-law who is a rabid A&M football fan, and wouldn't miss seeing or hearing the weekly game for anything.

Welch's kinsman, Carl Braunig '48, will watch the football game of the week on television, but will record the A&M game as it is played over the radio on his tape recorder. Only one of the Aggies' games, Arkansas, is scheduled to be televised this year.

That night when things calm down he will start the recorder and listen to the Aggies play, but will religiously take the 15 minutes required off for the halftime ceremonies, "because things are done that way." When he figures the halftime is over he will sit down in front of the recorder again for the second half.

The A&M ex refuses to let anyone tell him how the game came out before listening to it, wanting instead to hear the game as it was

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## Dallas Has Football Troubles With Coming of Pro League

By HAROLD V. RATLIFF  
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All indications are that Dallas will have football running out of its ears next fall. Not only will it have Southern Methodist playing five games in the Cotton Bowl plus the Texas-Oklahoma game and the annual professional exhibition, but the American and National professional leagues will be taking up all the Sundays.

The American Football League is the brain child of Lamar Hunt, the wealthy young Dallas oil man who couldn't get a franchise in the National Football League years ago, so he decided to form his own league.

Hunt jumped in and got a lease on the Cotton Bowl for next fall but it wasn't exclusive. He can use the dates he wants but the open dates are obtainable by others.

The National Football League said it wasn't so that it planned to move into American Football League territory just to render a blow to the budding young circuit. Yes, said the NFL, it planned a long time to expand and right now (just after the American Football League was organized) seemed the

most propitious time.

So the National Football League apparently will place a club in Dallas for 1960 and that will make two pro teams in this city that wasn't able to support one 7 years ago. The ill-fated Dallas Texans are well-known. Dallas bought the floundering New York Yanks franchise in 1952 and kept it half a season. After losing \$300,000 the men backing the club turned the franchise back to the NFL.

It's different now, though, says Hunt and his cohorts. In the first place, Hunt declared, Dallas didn't give pro football the proper chance when it first had it. You have to expect to operate at a loss while you're getting started on a thing as hazardous as pro football.

Those who brought in the Dallas Texans say the reason the project failed was poor management and poor promotion and a losing team to boot.

Hunt won't have to buck any of those things. He taking plenty of time to plan the operation and since he's starting in a new league he will have as good a chance as anybody else of a winning team. The Dallas Texans had to compete in a league that already had estab-

lished teams and weren't able to get players of top caliber either.

But a losing team is the least of Hunt's worries. What has him bothered is the prospect of competition with another club in a city that isn't big enough to support two. There appears to be enough two. He can see nothing but losses on the ledger for both. There appears to be enough money behind each to carry on a fight for survival indefinitely if the people are so inclined.

Two pro clubs playing every Sunday also will eat into the revenues of the colleges. Southern Methodist might have to return to its bandbox stadium for it games because it would handle the crowds available then, and also cut out the 15 per cent rental SMU has to pay on the Cotton Bowl.

It would appear that everybody is in line to lose if there are two pro football teams in Dallas.

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