

# Publicity May Hurt Syracuse, Pep Up Texas in Cotton Bowl

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While everybody is conceding Syracuse victory in the Cotton Bowl, calling the Orangemen a super team and looking pityingly at Texas, this might be just the thing to bring the Longhorns a triumph. To hear them tell it, the critics

never before saw such an awesome football outfit. At the rate they're going they'll have Syracuse built up into the greatest gridiron unit of all time.

Could Be Overconfident  
The Orange is going to start believing it itself. And it might be right but overconfidence is the

great equalizer of the sport.

Coach Darrell Royal, who shuddered slightly when he watched Syracuse clout UCLA on television, was asked if he thought this gigantic buildup might help his team. "Yes, unless it scares my boys too much," he said.

But somehow, it doesn't seem probable that the Longhorns will be frightened the day they march into the Cotton Bowl to be the chopping block of the mighty, stupendous men of Syracuse. They've gone through a rough and ready campaign, making dazzling comebacks, coming through when the chips were down and wading through a very rugged schedule to a fine 9-1 record.

**Desire Wins Games**

At least the big buildup should make the Longhorns serious about the work at hand. It is axiomatic that desire is what wins bowl games, not necessarily ability. It's difficult to get a group of boys "up" for a post-season game where there are so many frills and pleasures.

It would seem that Texas should be thinking only of football and how wonderful it would be to knock over the team that was supposed to be so far out of its class.

Out at Abilene this week they'll pay tribute to the greatest football organization in the world—the Texas Interscholastic League.

Just 50 years ago was laid the foundation of this mighty association of high schools for the purpose of promoting athletics. And it was done in Abilene, which through the years has won more football championships than any other city—six.

High school football blossomed in Texas at the turn of the century

but it wasn't until 1920 that an official state champion was determined. One effort was made, back in 1913, but it was a fiasco of ineligibility charges and rhubarbs.

The most notable unofficial champions were a couple of Austin teams coached by Berry Whitaker in 1913-14. They were fine teams and obviously should be considered the best in Texas but since there were no playoffs and the strongest teams by sections were not pitted against each other, these champions can not be recognized.

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Texas professional baseball is shrinking again. The way it now appears there will be two fewer teams in the state than last year.

In 1958 there were 13 clubs—Dallas, Houston, and Fort Worth in the American Association; San Antonio, Corpus Christi, Victoria, Amarillo and Austin in the Texas League, and Midland, San Angelo, Odessa, Alpine and Plainview in the Sophomore League.

This year Fort Worth will be missing and so will Midland and San Angelo. One has been added. El Paso will become a member of the Sophomore League. So 1959 will find only 11 clubs in Texas.

The state still is the nation's leader in number of teams but that goes to show how far back minor league baseball has gone.

The home stretch at Aqueduct race track is a fraction short of one-quarter mile long. The quarter pole is at the turn for home.

Chief Justice Earl Warren of the United States Supreme Court has a salary of \$35,000 a year.

The first football game involving Ivy League teams dates back to 1872 when Yale met Columbia.

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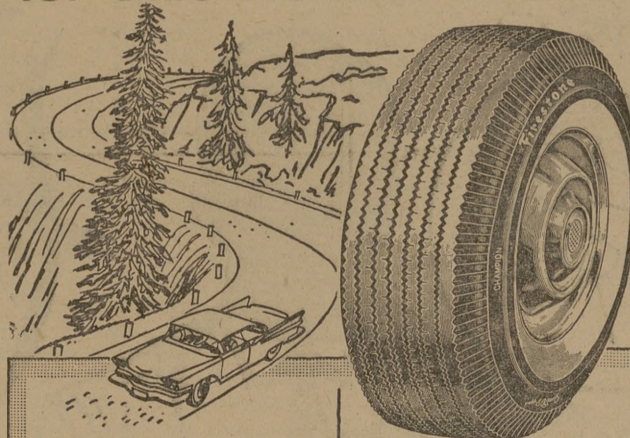
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