



## Football Began At A&M in 1893

Texas A&M football began in 1893 when the Aggies fielded a team but played no games with out-of-town teams.

In 1894 the Aggies, then known as the Farmers, played road games including the first of the traditional battles with the University of Texas, then known as the Varsity.

The late Dean Emeritus Charles Puryear, who had joined the faculty in 1888, was the first manager and one of those responsible for football being established at the college. A&M played no out-of-town games in 1895 but resumed a schedule in 1896 and have continued to do so ever since.

The first undefeated season was in 1902, a year in which the Cadets won seven and tied two. A&M also was champion of Texas in 1909 and 1910, but in 1910 there was a loss to Arkansas, and TCU held the 1909 team to a scoreless tie. The 1912 team was hailed as "Champion of the South" in spite of a loss to Kansas State.

A&M was a member of the Texas Intercollegiate Athletic Association until the Southwest Athletic Conference was formed in 1914 and is a remaining charter

member of that organization along with Texas, Arkansas, Rice Institute and Baylor.

Southern Methodist was admitted when the University of Oklahoma dropped out and Texas Christian University took the place vacated by Oklahoma A&M. Texas Tech became the eighth member of the Southwest Conference in 1956 and begins participation for the football championship this season.

The Aggies have won the SWC championship eight times outright and tied with SMU another. A&M won the title in 1917, 1919, 1921, 1925, 1957, 1959, tied in 1940, won again in 1941 and 1956. The 1939 Aggie team was National Champions and defeated Tulane in the Sugar Bowl Classic. The teams of 1917 and 1919 were unbeaten, untied and unscored upon while the 1939 and 1956 teams were undefeated.

In 66 seasons of gridiron competition the Aggies have met 83 teams from 24 states for an all-time record of 341 wins, 196 losses and 39 ties. A&M has scored 10,048 points to 5,069 for the opposition.

### 1959 SOUTHWEST CONFERENCE STANDINGS

School	CONFERENCE				SEASON			
	W	L	T	Pct.	W	L	T	Pct.
Arkansas	5	1	0	.833	8	2	0	.800
Texas	5	1	0	.833	9	1	0	.900
TCU	5	1	0	.833	8	2	0	.800
SMU	2	3	1	.417	5	4	1	.550
Baylor	2	4	0	.333	4	6	0	.400
Rice	1	4	1	.250	1	7	2	.200
A&M	0	6	0	.000	3	7	0	.300

## SPORT SLANTS

By JOE CALICOATTE

It looks like a rich fall harvest for the University of Texas as that may reap another Bowl of Cotton in Dallas on New Year's Day.

At least that's the prediction of most grid experts across Texas and the nation.

That forecast is agreeable from here, too. But as the kickoff of the perennially tumultuous Southwest Conference pigskin chase approaches, Texas Christian University, the University of Arkansas and Baylor University are also entering the championship scene.

The three-way tie last year between Texas, Arkansas and TCU was typical of the circus SWC. With possibilities like that, most anyone would have a wary outlook on predictions, much less making them.

Nonetheless, here goes:  
1. University of Texas  
2. Texas Christian University  
3. Baylor University  
4. University of Arkansas  
5. Texas A&M  
6. Southern Methodist University  
7. Rice University  
8. Texas Tech

Here on the home front, the Ags have been priming for the season opener with Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge.

While most Monday morning quarterbacks have labeled the Cadets for the SWC cellar this year, Coach Jim Myers has expressed a lack of time for the upcoming sophomores to develop.

The Head Mentor added that the sophs, the most promising bunch since the crop led by John Crow in 1955, should mature rapidly under the treatment expected from the three-platoon system at LSU.

After the encounter with Bayou Bengals, the Aggies tangle with Texas Tech in the SWC opener and Trinity University before meeting the University of Houston.

By then it should be a matter of record whether the Cadets have matured.

A&M lost nine lettermen, including eight three-year winners and six starters. But the 1960 squad could have a better record due to many factors. Among them is the competition at all positions and the added strength of the sophs.

To boost the experience will be 18 lettermen on hand. And many of the sophs could blossom into top SWC performers. The speed in which they blossom will be determining factor in the Cadet grid fortunes this year.

But on the entire scene, all indications point to Texas. The Longhorns lost Rene Ramirez, Maurice Doke, Bobby Lackey and a flock of fullbacks, but retain proven talent in Mike Cotton and Jack Collins, plus a good new crop.

## Rundown on Aggie Opponents

The following is rundown on the teams the Aggie football team will face this season.

**LSU**  
Sept. 17 at Baton Rouge  
With 21 lettermen gone from the powerhouse Tiger team of the past two seasons, Coach Dietzel faces a rebuilding job for 1960 but has 14 lettermen back including such top stars as End Mickey Mangham, second team All-America last year; Center Bo Strange, Fullback Donnie Daye and Guard Roy Winston. The Tigers, No. 1 team in the nation in 1958, lost by one point to Tennessee last fall and lost a grudge game rematch with Ole Miss in the Sugar Bowl.

**Texas Tech**  
Sept. 23 at College Station  
The Red Raiders play for the championship of the Southwest Conference for the first time in 1960 and make their debut with 21 of 27 lettermen returning. All-America Center E. J. Holub is the Tech standout with Backs Dan Gurley and Glen Amerson and End Dan Waygood slated for top billing.

**Trinity University**  
Oct. 1 at San Antonio  
Trinity and A&M meet for the first time since the 1951 season this fall in the Alamo City. Coach Mac McElreath in his eight seasons at Trinity has won 43 games, lost 28 and tied one. His top players this fall include Backs Charley Patterson and John Fulton and Linemen Jack Cowley and Don Tate. These two teams meet again in San Antonio in 1961.

**Houston**  
Oct. 8 at Houston  
The Cougars dropped out of the Missouri Valley after the 1959-60 season and will be an independent beginning with the fall of 1960. Coach Hal Lahar returns 21 of 31

lettermen off the 1959 team. Top hand is expected to be Fullback Charlie Reives, who as a sophomore last year was named Houston's most valuable back. Tackles Joe Bob Isbell and Murdoch Hooper will be the key linemen. Players to watch include Guard Jim Windham and Backs Don Sessions and Larry Lindsey.

**TCU**  
Oct. 15 at College Station  
The Horned Frogs, one of three teams to tie for the conference championship last fall, lost nine of 11 starters through graduation and a total of 19 lettermen in all. But Abe Martin has 18 lettermen back including All-America Candidate Robert Lilly and All-SWC candidate at center, Arvie Martin. Halfbacks Larry Dawson and Harry Moreland (if leg broken in spring heals properly) should provide good running. Top sophs are QB Sonny Gibbs, RE Lynn Morrison and RG Bernard Bartek.

**Baylor**  
Oct. 22 at Waco  
Rated by many to be a dark-horse contender in the Southwest Conference race this fall, the Baylor Bears begin their second rebuilding season under Coach John Bridgers. The former Baltimore Colt staff member, Bridgers has 18 returning lettermen led by Backs Ronnie Bull and Ronnie Stanley and End Sonny Daavis. The Bears lost 13 lettermen from the 1959 team. Baylor will continue to use the Slot T or Colt offense installed last year by Bridgers.

**Arkansas**  
Oct. 29 at College Station  
The Razorbacks finished in a 3-way tie for first last fall in the Southwest Conference race and most observers see another fine

year from Frank Broyles' third Arkansas team. Leading returnees are Back Lance Alworth, Center Wayne Harris and Tackle Marlin Epp.

**SMU**  
Nov. 5 at Dallas  
Bill Meek lost Don Meredith and with him the famed SMU spread but the Ponies return 18 lettermen including Backs Glynn Gregory and Frank Jackson plus Tackle Jerry Mays, End Pat Neill and Center Max Christian. The latter is a question mark since suffering a shoulder injury in the spring workouts.

**Rice**  
Nov. 12 at Houston  
Jess Neely has 19 lettermen returning from the 1959 team that won only from the Aggies. The Owls tied Florida and SMU

and lost seven. Top hands with which the Owls hope to bounce back the Backs Roland Jackson Max West plus the King brothers in the line, Rufus and Boyd, and Guard Bobby Lively.

**Texas**  
Nov. 24 at Austin  
Texas, one of three teams to share the Southwest Conference championship last fall, lost 14 lettermen including All-America Guard Maurice Doke and Halfback Rene Ramirez, but returns 17 lettermen from 1959 plus three others who lettered in 1958. Halfback Jack Collins, leading rusher, scorer and top clutch player, and QB Mike Cotten return to the Longhorn backfield. Coach Royal will have several sophomores in contention from the undefeated Yearling team of last year.

## Golfers Cop SWC, Fourth Nationally

A Southwest Conference championship and fourth place in the National Collegiate championships were earned by the 1960 Aggie golf team under Coach Henry Ransom.

Bright spot is the fact that the Aggies lost but one member of the defending conference champions and get added help from a trio of fine freshman prospects.

Al Jones, Jr. of Harlingen, captain of the 1960 squad and whose seven-under-par 61 is a new A&M course record, is the only member of last spring's team who will not be around next year.

Returning are the two sophomores who shared individual hon-

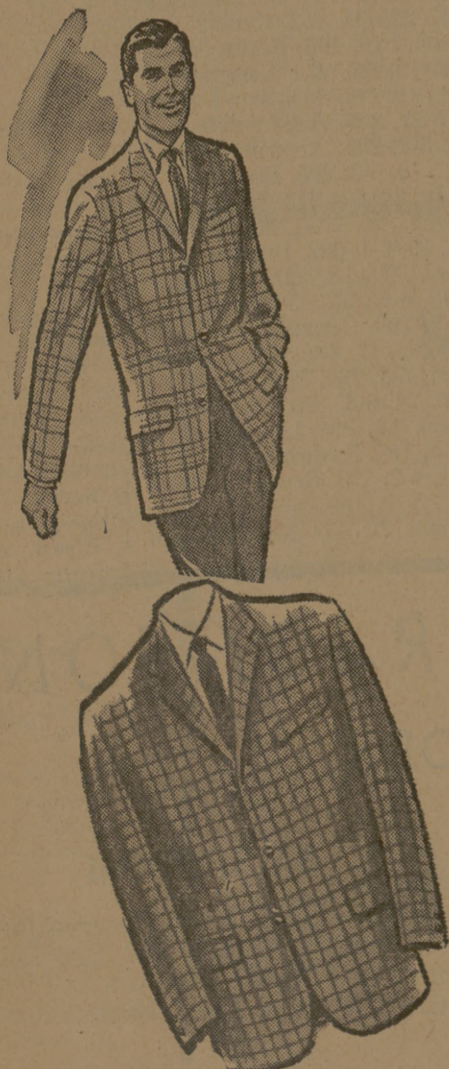
ors in the Southwest Conference with Terry Dill of Texas—Dickie Doble of Galveston and John Lively Jr. of Athens. Doble and Lively of the Aggies and Dill of the Longhorns finished in a 3-way tie for the individual championship at Fort Worth last May.

Others returning are Billy Maxfindale, Jacksonville, who will be the only senior on the 1960-61 team and Sophomore Johnny Johnston of Harlingen.

Leading contenders up from the Fish team are Harry Hoskins of Fort Worth, Ralph Johnston of New York City and Eugene Byrd of Stephenville.

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