

Powerful Aggie Ground Game Subdues Bears
... fullback Caffey barrels for long gainer through tackle

A&M May Be Only Threat For Stampeding Longhorns

Special To The Battalion
Statistics told widely divergent stories in the Southwest Conference last week as downtrodden teams of a year ago (A&M and SMU) shared the limelight with the league's most consistent winners (Texas and Arkansas) of recent seasons.

Torrid Texas moved on at a record total-offense pace as it stretched its league leadership while Texas A&M and Arkansas rebounded from defeats with awesome statistics, both offensively and defensively. Southern Methodist, which shared Satur-

day's spotlight, achieved victory in a different way, however, and Texas Tech, the victim, is ready to argue that figures do lie.

The upstart Red Raiders, giant-killers of TCU and Baylor on successive week-ends, dominated the statistics chart in the struggle with SMU, but they lacked punch when the goal line beckoned. Hobbled for 55 minutes, the Mustangs gained almost half of their yardage in the final five minutes and salvaged an 8-7 victory with the season's first major exploitation of the two-point conversion.

Although their offensive statistics and record are not highly im-

pressive, the Mustangs point with pride to a defense that had yielded ONLY ONE second-half touchdown in five games.

In scoring a sixth straight victory and upping its total offense per game to 438.7 yards per game, the Longhorns matched their first down production of the entire 1960 campaign (132). Their total offense (2,632 yards) is 112 yards more than they gained in ten games a year ago and their per-game average is well ahead of the SWC record of 386.5 set by the 1952 Longhorns that featured an all-SWC backfield.

Only Baylor has gained more yardage overhead than Texas this year as the Longhorns have surpassed any previous season total during Darrell Royal's tutelage. Texas has scored the most touchdowns (8) by passing.

A&M, probably more menacing than any rival remaining on Texas' schedule, combined a well-balanced offense with a stubborn defense in keeping its title hopes alive. The whitewash was the first applied to Baylor since 1959 and the three pass interceptions by the Aggies ran their six-game total to 13, five more than they picked off all last season.

The Aggies have almost doubled their point production of last year (144 to 73) and in three conference games they have scored two more than they totaled in all ten games a year ago.

Tech hit 9 of its 11 passes against SMU and had a total offense of 337 but frustration at the SMU goal, including two misfires on field goals, left the Raiders vulnerable for the SMU comeback

Aggies Crush Bears, 23 - 0

While Bowl Scouts Watch

By LARRY SMITH
Battalion Sports Editor

Coach Jim Myers' revamped Aggies displayed a smooth offense and a solid defense in crushing the Baylor Bears, 23-0, Saturday on Kyle Field before 29,000 fans.

Representatives of the Bluebonnet and Gator Bowls, scouting for possible post-season participants, were treated to the Aggies' finest game of the season, and Baylor's poorest.

In holding the Bears scoreless for the first time since 1959 (20 games ago), the Cadets fulfilled their pre-season ratings by the sports writers. Of the five teams picked as having a chance of taking the SWC title, only A&M is given a chance to beat the ram-paging Texas 'Horns.

John Erickson, the junior college transfer, started his first game and responded with a brilliant performance. He completed 5 of 6 passes for 47 yards and tacked on 14 yards on five carries. Erickson was the man-under on both the first and second units.

Ags Were 'Hot'

While the Aggies were so "hot," the Bruins were "ice cold." Bobby Ply, Baylor's star quarterback, had a terrible day as he completed only 3 of 19 passes. The main reason for his bad day was the great rushing put on by the Ag linemen and the blanket coverage of the Bear receivers.

The Bears had a miserable day on the ground, too, as they gained only 70 yards. They only made three first downs the first half and nine all day. The Ags made 17 first downs. The closest Baylor came to the Aggie goal-line was the A&M 29.

It was a team effort for the Aggies, and the line rushed the passer the best they have all year, according to Myers.

"We figured our offensive game was well balanced enough that Baylor would have to defend us to the outside and leave the middle 'open;' or strengthen down the middle and give us the outside. They chose to do the former. They did contain our halfbacks but that made the situation good for our fullbacks who picked up 130 of our 203 yards gained rushing," said Myers.

Bull Fumble
It just wasn't Baylor's day as

Ronnie Bull fumbled on the second play of the game when he was hit hard by Sam Byer and Jerry Hopkins recovered on the Bear 27.

After making a first down, the Ags stalled and Daryle Keeling kicked a 29-yard field goal. The Ags led 3-0 with 11:34 left in the first quarter.

John Keller intercepted a Ronnie Stanley pass late in the first period and returned it to the A&M 41. Eight plays later Erickson sneaked across for the TD. His pass to Travis Reagan for the extra point was out of the end zone and no good. With 16 seconds to go in the initial period, the Aggies led 9-0 and it was all over for the Bears.

In the third quarter, the Cadets held the Bears after their most serious threat, and with Erickson at the controls, the Cadets marched 68 yards in 15 plays for the touchdown. The scoring play

was a four-yard pass from Erickson to Bobby Huntington. Jim Linnstaedter passed to Reagan for the two-point conversion.

In the final period, with only 3:12 left in the game, Byer blasted over from two yards out for the Ags' final score. The try for the extra point was no good.

Caffey Led In Rushing

Lee Roy Caffey, the bruising fullback from Thorndale, led the Aggie ball carriers in rushing with 62 yards in 15 carries. Sophomore Jerry Rogers, who banged through gaping holes in the Bear line, picked up 42 yards on seven carries. Byer carried nine times for 26 yards.

The Aggie line out-fought the Bear line to the utmost with Wayne Freiling, Wayland Simmons, Russell Hill, George Hogan

and Keith Huggins leading the way.

The Ags have a 3-2-1 record for the season and a 2-1 mark in SWC play. They will meet one of the toughest opponents the weekend in the Ozarks—the Arkansas Razorbacks.

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Two teams played back and fourth between the 40-yard lines last Friday until Sqd. 12 finally pushed the ball into G-3's territory to win by a single penetration in a 0-0 game.

Dale Barber completed a touchdown pass to Butch Smith for Sqd. 4's only tally in a 6-0 game over Maroon Band. Boyd Aringdale of the Band stood out on defense. He broke up two of the Sqd. 4 drives with an interception and a goal line stop.

In other games played Friday afternoon C-1 edged E-1, 10-6; C-2 nipped Sqd. 13, 6-0; it was B-2 over D-1, 22-0 and Sqd. 5 overran the White Band 31-0.

Yesterday's Class B football results are: F-2 over D-3, 6-2; D-2 over G-2, 8-0; and Sqd. 5 over Sqd. 14, 8-0.

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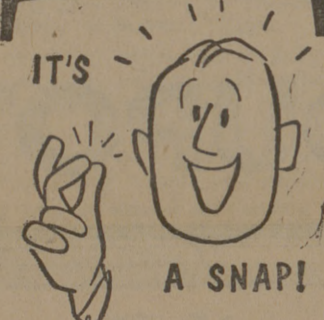
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